

U. S. Army Office,
New-York, May 14, 1856.

Sir, I send enclosed
a statement of the bus-
iness of this Office in
April.

Very respectfully,
Yours att. servt.,
Saml F. Butterworth
Supy

Hon. J. R. Swanton, {
Director of the Mint. }

Atlanta Ga May 18/56
 To The President of the U S Mint
 I send 3 parcels Gold dust " sent
 1. 52 Deposits No 1. marked Silver 164.12
 2. " " No 2. 235-
 3. " " No 3 - dust bars & coin 1047 1/2
 1447 1/2
 235-

Also I send old silver coin \$432.
 Please send me memorandum of
 assay; send certificate of deposits
 To John Thompson No 2. Wall St. N.Y.
 Please make separate assays -
 address me at Atlanta Ga

Edm W Holland
 Broker



Philadelphia, May 14th 1856

M Meade Fund V.S. Mead's
To GEO. MEGEE & CO., Dr.

Nos. 9 & 11 Branch Street, above Third.

GEORGE MEGEE.
SAMUEL H. CARTER.

between Race and Vine

April 12. To 5 Strips Copper 39" .. 15¢

\$1.55

May 12. By Copper Billings 11th @ 2.4. ~~3.65~~ 365

\$13.90

Carry Meade's
Subscribed

Rec'd Payment
Geo Megee & Co

May 10th 6.

Dear Sir,

I am sorry to hear that you are
unwell.

The government has been with great respect
to the affairs of the Court building, and the
fact that the appropriation for the support of the insti-
tute is barely sufficient for an economical administration
of its affairs that, I regret to be compelled to decline your
offer for the support of the school. As we can do
without them, I do not feel at liberty to incur the addi-
tional expense of their purchase. Should greater necessity
arise for them, I will promptly inform you, and
in the meantime, shall not lose sight of your propo-
sition.

Yours, &c.

James R. Thompson
Secretary.

Walter B. Black & Co.
Waltham, Mass.

Treasury Department
First Auditor Office
May 15th 1856

Wm Paul Klunger
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia
Sir

I have to inform you that
your Ballot for the 1st Dec 1856 has this day been
transmitted to the 1st Comptroller of the Treasury for
his decision thereon.

Very Respectfully
your obt Serv

A. L. Smith
Auditor

allant of the United States
Philad^a 15 May 1888

Sir,

We have now on hand a considerable amount of sewage which we wish to dispose of; and I should be pleased if you would send to the allant, to draw samples, with a view to making us an offer for the same.

Very respectfully yours

James R. S. Snowden.
Director.

Robert Longman, Esq.
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
May 16. 1856.

Daniel Strongm Esq.,
Treasurer of the U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Sir,

Your account of Copper
Coinage for the Month of April has been adjusted
at the Treasury, and a balance found in the
Mint of One hundred ninety three dollars and
Twenty four Cents (\$193.74).

Most Sincerely
Yours,
Elisha Whittelsey -
Comptroller.

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
May 17th 1856.

Daniel Morgan Esq
Treasurer of the U. S. Mint.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Sir,

Your account of Ordinary Expenses for the month of April 1856. has been adjusted at the Treasury and a balance found to be due the United States of $\$21,979.04$
Balance per your account $\$21,978.14$

This difference, $\$1.00$
being an error in Voucher No. 111. Abstract of Contingent Expenses. Morgan and Co's Bill, fifth page, 3 hours turning shaft for Crane at 30cts per hour, carried out $\$2.50$ should be 1.50

(Difference as above stated $\$1.00$

Most Sincerely Yours

Edw. Whately

Comptroller

Bank of Cape Fear
Raleigh
19 May 1856

To
The Director of the
United States
Phil.

Dear Sir
Enclosed is my check

on Merchants Bk. N. Y. for \$1000—
for which please have sent me in half dime \$200
" Dimes \$200
" Quarters \$600

and after deducting all expense, freight &c
for Adams, &c Express out of balance \$200
\$1000.

The Express Co can bring it
to Weldon or Goldsboro & place it in charge of the conductor
on the Rail Road. Please have this done
and who will attend to it, if inconvenient to you

And Oblige
Yours Resp^{ly}
W. H. Jones

THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO., 116 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO.'S
GRAND
Eastern, Western & Southern Express.

Received of *Philadelphia May 19th 1856*
Wm. J. R. Venable *one Package*

Containing *40 Copper (Brass) Match*
MARKED *George R. Sampson Esq.*
Boston Mass

To be forwarded as addressed: THE EXPRESS COMPANY not to be held responsible for any loss or damage arising from fire, railroad accidents, ocean or river navigation, etc., UNLESS SPECIALLY INSURED BY THEM, AND SO SPECIFIED IN THIS RECEIPT.

Freight, _____

Insurance, _____

FOR THE PROPRIETORS.

Jm. A. Drew

CHAS. FRESTER, 116 CHESTNUT ST., OVER THE EXPRESS OFFICE.

Brooklyn May 19th 1886

Sir

Agrees of the 15th inst is at hand. Mr. Sand
Longman will be up to the mint next
week & take a sample of the sweeps

Very respectfully yours
O. Longman & Sons
per A. L. P.

Sam. Rep. Snowden Esq
U. S. Mint
Philad^a

Petition

To the Board of Directors of the Mint of the
United States, Philadelphia
Gentlemen.

The enclosed documents marked N^o 1, N^o 2, N^o 3,
& N^o 4 will show, that we are by remitting the los-
ers of One hundred & thirty four Dollars $\frac{7}{100}$ from
Bars assayed in San Francisco, and re-assayed in
the Branch assay New York, - We made reclama-
tion there, and were directed to the Philadelphia
Directors for redress.

By examination the Documents above re-
ferred to, I hope you will be satisfied that we
ought not suffer loss, which would cast doubt in
any purchase of Bars from any Branch Mint of
the U. St. by a re-assay of an other Branch, and if
Error, Such errors should not be visited on the
Confiding innocent purchaser, who is bound to
believe in the Correctness and value stamped there-
on by the assay Office.

You will confer a favor to consider the
Reclamation which we know is justly due us, and
I expect in honor of the Mint a favorable result
to your petitioner who will ever pray. Your
Obedient Servant Francis M. Drexel
Philad^a May 21/56 for Drexel Sather & Church.

May 22nd

6.

Gentlemen:

I have examined your "Petition" and the papers accompanying it. In the former the loss on the remelt is stated to have occurred from bars opened in San Francisco, and re-opened in the branch assay New York; but the latter refers to the case of loss on bars melted and opened by private houses at San Francisco, and afterwards deposited with the branch mint at that place for coinage. So that the case is not one where a difference in weight has occurred between two government offices, as is alleged in your Communication.

As the case is presented by the papers or Memorandum, I may state, that the melting of precious metals is subject to a variety of contingencies in the most experienced and careful hands, and usually - though not invariably, shows some loss, even in the case of clean, well-melted bars. Somewhat depends upon the metal being tough or brittle, upon absorption into the hot and dipping, and sometimes upon cutting open a bar a little water is found to be contained in it, by some

unaccountable means. These things are I presume well known to your House; but the losses in the cases under consideration are stated to be "unusual," though that some loss on the Semells were to be expected without a report or explanation from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint I cannot give any opinion on the point whether the losses on the Semells were greater than was reasonably to be expected.

I am very Respectfully
your obt. servant,

James Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint

Mrs. Drexel, Father & Church.

Treasury Department
May 21. 1866.

Sir

I enclose herewith a draft
in favor of Merwin Green Esq. Cash. Agent at
Louisville for \$1500 on the Treasurer of
the Mint at Philadelphia.

This draft is to cover that amount left
with Mr. Green in silver, by Mr. Colmesnil
& is receipted by Mr. Green. You will therefore
charge the Treasurer, in your next a/c with
the payment of the draft and order that
officer with the whole amount of the
draft in your favor on the Branch Mint
at N. Orleans for \$1500.00 payable in silver
— I am very Resp^d.

James Guthrie
Sec of the Treasury

San^d. A. Stearns
Treasurer Mint
Philad^a.

David Morgan Esq
Philadelphia
Esteemed Friend

New York 5m 24 1856

We are obliged for the ten
cask copper coin just received which does not yet fill
the order that we have for them.

We would thank you for another shipment
of 25 casks

Respectfully
Wm. Miller & Co

Treasury Department,
First Auditor's Office,
(May 23, 1856)

Sir:

I return herewith vouchers N^{os} 5, 11, 60, 71 and 78
of your account for repairs of Mint at Philadelphia
for 1st quarter 1856, for revision, and correction or
explanation in the cases noted thereon.

I will thank you to furnish Auctioneer's bill of
Sale of articles sold and credited in this account.

Very respectfully, Sir,

W. L. Smith
1st Auditor

Daniel Sturgeon Esq^r
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Office of the Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

New York, May 24th 1856.

Daniel Sturges Esq.
Treasurer U. S. Mint.

Sir

I have this day forwarded
by the Adams Express Co. for collection. Transfer draft.
No 2684. on you. in my favor. for \$50,000. payable in
silver coins. I will thank you to send it as follows viz.
\$10,000 in half dollars. - \$30,000 in quarter dollars.
\$5,000. in dimes. - \$5,000. in half dimes.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. Servant.
Wm. F. Claiborne
Asst. Treas.

N.B. Can you supply me with a keg of cents

Office of the Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

New York, May 2nd 1856.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 26th inst. also of \$50,000. in Silver Coins by the Adams Express Co. in payment of draft N^o. 2484.

Very Resp^{tly}

Your O^bdt. Serv^t

David Sturgeon Esq
Treas^r U. S. Mint.

John J. Allen
Asst. Treasurer

S. S.

In consequence of the presence of Indium which the Doctor & Miner has of late encountered in the deposits of Gold Bullion. His deliveries of fine bars have been delayed; and the California Steamer, which is expected to arrive tomorrow, will acquire all, at present in my hands. I shall therefore, be unable to close at once, the balance due on draft for \$1,500,000. but hope to do so, in a few days.

H. SHAPARD, Jr., President.
T. WHEELER, Cashier.

Farmers' Bank of Tennessee,

KNOXVILLE, May 24, 1854.

Mr. S. M. Smith
Phila.

Dear Sir.—Your favor of
with enclosure, is received. I enclose herewith
my ch. to \$31 on Metropolitan BK
New York for \$500.00 please
send me for Adams & Co. Express
\$100. dimes & half dimes
\$400 Quarters

Yours Respectly
H. Shapard Jr.
Pres.

June 26th 6.

Sir,

I received your letter of the 26th ult. enclosing
your check on Metropolitan Bank New York for
\$100. The proceeds of which, according to your
order, has been remitted to Messrs Adams & Co in
London coin, viz. \$400 in quarter dollars and \$100
in dimes & half-dimes, whose receipt I herewith
enclose.

Very Respectfully

Your obt. servant,

James Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint.

W. B. Chapand Esq.
Post Office Box of Tourist
Knoxville,
Tenn.



BALTIMORE

May 20th 1866

Dear James Furthrie

I am in receipt of your favor bearing
Draft on Mint at Philadelphia, for Silver Coin, to be
conveyed to Chicago & Dubuque.

Will you please issue instructions, to the proper Office
of the Mint, to cause that Coin to be packed, in boxes
in the same manner as that recently brought by us from
New Orleans to Philadelphia.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedient Servant

John H. Hume

Superintendent

Boston May 28. 1856.

Dear Sir,

Last year we recd a note from the Treasury Department authorizing us to apply to the Director of the U.S. Mint for our annual supply of Medals for distribution in our Public Schools.

Presuming that it is unnecessary to write to Washington every year for this permission, I respectfully request you to cause 110 "Franklin Medals" & 100 "City Medals" to be struck & forwarded to me with the Bill for the same, as soon as may suit your convenience.

The City Treasurer will pay the Bill to your order.

Howe J. R. Snowden,
Director of U.S. Mint

Very respectfully,
Nathan Bishop,
Superintendent of Pub. Schools.

May 31

Dr.

Your favor of the 20th inst. is received
and the same will be forwarded to the
proper authorities. The copy of the
report will be sent to the proper
authorities as soon as possible.

Very respectfully,

Wm. H. Johnson

Secretary

Wm. H. Johnson,
Dept. of the Interior,
Washington.

1711.74
 4361.80
 4361.80

San Antonio May 28. 1856.

R. Patterson Esq.

U.S. Mint.

Sir.

We have
 received your favor of the
 26th inst. enclosing check
 for \$6464¹/₂ being in full
 payment of an invoice of
 Copper planchets, as stated.

We shall forward
 by vessel in a few days.
 30 keps planchets, which
 are ready for shipment.

Very Respectfully,
 Yours

Crocker Bros. & Co.

Bank of Cap. D. A. D.
Raleigh
29 May 1856

Ja^s. Robt. D. D. D.
Director & Co.
Phil^a.

Dear Sir
According
my A. C. N. Y. for \$100. for which please
send me a Reg. of \$100. in funds - if any change
is over after paying freight by Adams & Co.
Express to Goldsboro, send it in Postage
Stamps or any thing you please.

Yours Resp^{tly}
W. H. D. D.

Mont of the United States
Philadelphia May 7. 1861.

Dear Sir,

Referring to my letter of the 12th of
June 1856, in which I stated that the draft for \$1000
enclosed to me by you on the 29th of May of that year,
had not been received, I have now to state that, on
examining some private papers, preparatory to my
retirement from the Mont. I find your letter of the
29th of May, 1856, and draft therein referred to. The
draft is herewith returned. Your letter and enclosure
must have been placed in my private desk for safe keeping
and subsequently overlooked. Please acknowledge receipt
of the draft.

Very Respectfully,

Samuel R. Anderson.
Director of the Mont.

W. H. Jones Esq.
Care. Br. Bk. of Safe
Raleigh.
N. C.

No. 67.

Forty Seven Fine Gold Bars
transmitted to the U. S. Mint for coinage
in pursuance of the act of March 1855,
by John J. Eise, Treasurer of the U.
S. Army Office, New York.

¹⁸⁵⁶
May 30. Nos. 1527, 1629, 1676, 1689 to 1695, 1698 &
1809 to 1844 in four Boxes # 144 to 147.

weighing 11,569.64 gr @ 992 f

Gross Value \$237,252.35
Deduct for Coinage 1,186.26

Net Value \$236,066.09

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, 30th April 1856

Sir,

I have received your letters of the 22^d
and 23^d ulto with the enclosures stated.

With respect to the notice to be published
in your City respecting the purchase of
Silver bullion, you are right in stating
that the main point is as to the price per
Standard ounce, and it would seem more

LIST OF REAL ESTATE LOANS

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
NAME OF BORROWER	ADDRESS	AMOUNT OF LOAN	DATE OF LOAN	DATE OF PAYMENT	DATE OF PAYMENT	DATE OF PAYMENT	DATE OF PAYMENT

May 14 6.

Sir,

I regret to learn that we are about to lose the valuable services of Capt. Zalcott, the Supl. of the main at the fort, by his acceptance of another employment.

These repairs are now being effected by making this completion and if we are proper, I beg to suggest that it would be appropriate, and is justifiable, that the work should be finished under the direction, of Mr. J. M. Zalcott, the son of Capt. Zalcott, who is familiar with the business, and has excellent training and qualifications.

I have the honor to be
most respectfully,
your faithful servant?

Wm. James Guthrie
Secy. of the Treasury
Washington City.

James H. Chapman
Director.

U.S. Mint for

Branch Mint San Francisco Cal
Apr 10/56

To A. M. F. Watson

6 du Haus Bass

2 du File Haude

7 2 \$ 2.00 12 00

App²⁵ Outlay 25 1 50

50 14 00

Correct

H. R. Linderman

Director's blank 3

Duplicate

A. M. F. Watson

No. 677 Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York
Seven Boxes containing 11,549.61 Ozs. Gold Bullion.
" " " Silver "
" Parcel " "
Amounting in Net value to \$236,066.09
Two hundred & thirty six thousand & ninety six dollars 7/100ths
which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint, at Philadelphia at Fifty
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.
New York, May 31 1856
J. S. Adams Express Co. L. H. May

United States Assay Office

New York, May 2, 1856.

Sir,

I transmit enclosed my report to
the Department of the monthly examination,
made on the 30th ult., of the funds of the
Revenue of this Office.

Very respectfully

Yours obt. Servt.,

Saml T. Putterlick
Supt

Hon. J. R. Newton, }
Director of the Mint. }

Treasury Department
First Auditor Office
May 2nd 1856

Hon. Paul Slargen
Treas. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

I have to acknowledge the
receipt of your Bullion Apr 1st Or 1856. and
and copper
Ordinary Receipts for the month of April 1856.

Very Respectfully
your obedient

V. L. Smith
Auditor

United States Assay Office
Melter & Refiners Department
New York May 1st 1856.

Sir,

While recently in Phil^a, the Director of the Mint requested me to report the amount of Iridium separated from gold deposits since the opening of this office, and the proportion it bears to the amount of gold received.

Having completed the separation of all obtained from the gold deposits up to the 31st of March 1856, I am now able to present the following statement, which includes that which has been delivered to me, in the gold which was to be refined, and also, that which was either separated or deducted by the Assayer from such deposits as contained an unusually large quantity.

The whole amount of gold deposits, received at this office since Oct 10th 1854, to Mar 31st 1856 is 6,723,267 gross ounces. The whole amount of Iridium separated from this, is 100.66 gross ounces.

The proportion is therefore, as 1 oz Iridium to 17,881 oz gold, or 33 Iridium to a million of dollars.

Very Resp^{tly}

Your obt. Servant

S. P. Butterworth Esq
Superintendent

Charles M. Kent
Melter & Refiner

U. S. Mint Office,

New York, May 1, 1856.

Sir,

I send enclosed a
report of the Melted & Refined
of this Office showing the
amount of intrinsic separated
from gold deposits at this
Office, prepared in accordance
with your desire.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servt.,

Saml. T. Butterworth

Supl

Wm. J. R. Snowden, }
Director of the Mints.

H. R. Linderman

H. R. Linderman

H. R. Linderman

H. R. L.

H. R.

May 1st 6.

Sir

The usual count of the balances on hand made yesterday
exhibited on the Treasury of the Mint the following

Gold coin 312,720.40

Ordinary Fund 24,277.40

Reserve Fund 11,826.35

Total, £109,898.51

which amount was found on examination to correspond
with the balance as stated upon the Treasurer's books
of account.

The balance on the Office of the Clerk of the Treasury
Book at the same time was found by count to be
£307,477.66, in gold and silver coin, agreeing with
the accounted states in the account books of
that Office.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,

Yours faithful servant,

James R. P. Somerset.

London 1st May

Wm. James Guthrie,

Secy. of the Treasury,
Washington D.C.

May 25th 6.

Sir

The enclosed statement exhibits
the deposits and balance at the North during
the month ending yesterday.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant

James R. Thompson.

British Columbia

Wm. Lumsden.

Chief of the Chinooks

Washington City

Statement of Deposits & Coinage

Mint of the United States, during the Month of April 1856.

DEPOSITS.

Gold from California,	\$ 660,616.50
" other sources,	87,683.50
Total Gold,	\$751,300.00
Silver deposits, including purchases,	98,520.00
Total deposits,	\$849,820.00

COINAGE EXECUTED.

GOLD.

DENOMINATION.	NO. OF PIECES.	VALUE.
Double Eagles,	26,865	\$ 537,300
Eagles,	-	-
Half Eagles,	17,096	85,480
Three Dollars,	26,010	78,030
Quarter Eagles,	71,949	179,850
Dollars,	234,367	234,367
Total,	376,278	\$1,115,027

SILVER.

Dollars,	-	\$
Half Dollars,	226,000	113,000
Quarter Dollars,	700,000	175,000
Dimes,	780,000	78,000
Half Dimes,	1,500,000	75,000
Three Cent Pieces,	290,000	9,000
Total,	2,596,000	\$ 460,000

COPPER.

Cents,	298,382	\$ 298,382
Half Cents,	-	-
Total,	298,382	\$ 298,382

RECAPITULATION.

Gold Coinage,	376,278	\$1,115,027.00
Silver "	2,596,000	460,000.00
Copper "	298,382	298,382.00
Total No. of pieces,	3,270,660	Total value \$ 1,873,409.00

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia,

185

Director.

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CALIFORNIA LINE FOR SAN FRANCISCO
BISHOP SIMONS & CO



SHIP AGENTS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS
No. 36 North Wharves, Philadelphia.

Wm Lott
Superintendent
San Francisco

Freight \$7.00
By Memo
\$3.10

SHIPPED, in good Order and Condition by
on board the *Ship* called the
whereof *Laurence* is Master for this present Voyage, and now lying at the Pier of
PHILADELPHIA, and bound for SAN FRANCISCO.

One Box Midge

Being marked and numbered upon the Margin to be delivered in the like good Order and Condition at the aforesaid Port of
SAN FRANCISCO.

Wm Lott Esq
Thos Dolan

with five per cent. Primage and Average secured. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Master or Purser of the said Vessel hath
affixed to *4* Bills of Lading, all of this Tenor and Date, one of which being accomplished, the others stand void.
If Goods to be received at the Vessel's Tackle when ready for delivery. Not accountable for Breakage, Leakage, Coopersage or Stow
Freight payable before delivery if required. CONTENTS AND WEIGHT UNKNOWN.
Dated at PHILADELPHIA, the *1st* day of *May* 1866

Smith & Cox

Treasury Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

May 1st 1856.

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 30th Ult^o enclosing Treasury draft, number 2408, dated April 28, upon me, in your favor for One & a half Million of dollars (\$1,500,000.) which amount I have placed to the credit of your account.

The balance stated in your 4^c as due this Office, viz \$1,244,079.90 agrees with that which I have to your debit on the 30th Ult^o.

In regard to the balance of \$235,920.10 required to meet the above draft, I will transmit the same, so soon as the deposits under it are practicable.

Very Resp^{tly}
Yours Obed^t Serv^t

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treas^r U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

J. H. J. McKim
Treasurer.

P.S. I herewith enclose sample of a sample
specie bag, which has been adopted at

The Custom House, and at this Office, and
is being generally used by the banks, its ad-
vantages over the ordinary sowed bag, particularly
those made by machines, (rendering them less li-
able to rip, which has frequently occurred)
for quantity, and for claims. I think it will
commend itself to your attention.

The Agents here are Messrs J. W. Paige & Co.
who offer to furnish them in quantities, at 10¢
per bag, stamped as required.

Very Respectfully,
J. W. Paige
Agent New York

L. Ross Snowden, Esq.
Director U. S. Mint.
Dear Sir:

Chief Coiners Office,
U. S. Mint,
Philad^a April 30 1856

I beg leave to report for the
Month of March and April that the duties of the
operations in the Rolling Cutting Cleaning & Coining
Rooms have been performed with unusual promptness
& despatch.

The adjusting Room is finished,
and the ladies are highly pleased with its arrangement.
I would recommend no increase of hands at present.

The auxiliary force employed
in the basement, and in connection with the Machinery
can, I think, be reduced on or before the 1st day
of June next. Three hands, at least, could be
dispensed with, if you think proper to do so.

I would respectfully recommend
a complete & thorough Code of rules, to govern the
operations, and other persons, engaged in the various de-
partments of the U. S. Mint, and that the same
be rigidly enforced, as daily experience proves the
necessity of subordination.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Geo H. Chiles
Chief Coiner U. S. Mint,

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1856/JUNE

respects for Cool & Co

Dear Sir,

high price of gold in
place. It is accordingly
the commencement of
your annual kind spirit
Labors, men, they hope
sacred consideration.
I also recommend that
the highest the several
made an earnest appeal
that it is impossible for
and keep free from debt.

is respectfully submitted
Yours very truly

Wm H. Powers
Chief Clerk

J. Ross Snowden Esq.
Director of U.S. Mint
Dear Sir:

Chief Coiner, Office
U.S. Mint Philad^a June 30 1886

I beg leave to report that the duties of the past month have been performed by the operatives in the various departments with their usual attention and punctuality.

The workmen are extremely desirous that, in consequence of the high price of provisions, an advance in wages may take place. It is anxiously expected, looked for by them, at the commencement of the fiscal year (July 1). With your usual kind spirit and attention to the wants of the laboring men, they hope you will give the matter your earliest consideration.

I would also recommend that an uniform advance of wages throughout the several departments. The men have made an earnest appeal to me on the subject, and state that it is impossible for them to support their families, and keep free from debt, at the present rates of compensation.

All of which is respectfully submitted
by Your friend & Obedt. Serv^t.

Geo. H. Perkins
Chief Coiner

Philadelphia June 29. 1857

Sir
The undersigned propose to furnish
and deliver the quantity of hickory and
pine wood that may be required for the
U.S. Mint, Philadelphia, from July 1st 1857
to June 30. 1858, subject to the inspection
and approval of the Director of the Mint,
at the following prices, viz

Dry hickory wood at \$7.75 per cord
Spruce pine " " 5.95 " "

Respectfully
Omnova & Hickson

James Ross Snowden
Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Almond St. Wm.

Opening of Proposals for coal &c
 June 28th 1856 1 o'clock P.M.

Coal =			
Lehigh	Sharp, Leisenring & Co. 2240 lb	5.15 - per ton	
	(Buck Mountain Coal)		
Sch. 2	H. D. Lutz & Co. 2240 lb	4.95 -	
Sch. 2	Throder & Town	5.25 -	
Sch. 2	Charles Lemberg	4.80	
Sch. 2	Peters & Co.	4.60	
Lehigh	Hays & Smith	5.37 1/2 -	

George Ellis	Food per crew	7.50
	Coal	5.00

Proposal for Nova
 L. D. Vance Hickory Wood at 7.50 -
 Pine 6.00

Charcoal to Mr. Meier -
 L. D. Vance

Coal Sharp Leisenring & Co. 5.15 - per ton

June 30.

6.

Sir,

Your proposal to supply the Mint with
best West Mountain Schist for one year from
its premises at the rate of \$0.15 per ton of 2240 lbs.
is accepted, and you will please call at the
Mint in the course of a day or two and execute
the necessary contract.

I am, very respectfully,
Yours truly,
James R. P. Snowden,
Director U. S. Mint

Geo. B. Kenton Esq.
Attorney
Sharp & Harrison
St. Louis



Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, June 30, 1856,

Sir,

Your proposal to supply the Mint
with Buck Mountain ^{Lehigh} Coal for one year
from the 1st prox at the rate of \$5.15 per
Ton of 2240 lbs has been accepted, and
You will please call at the Mint with
evidence of a day ^{and execute} ~~on time~~ that the necessary
contract ~~may be executed~~.

The expenses of the ~~superintendent~~
from the Camps

	15,261.79	
	9 00 00	
27,983.19	24,261.79	
24,261.79		
3,711.40		

It would appear that the deficiency should
arise in a great measure from the large amount
of labor which has been expended, and a
consequent increase in expenses, especially in the
wages of workmen, there being a large price
June 30. 6.
Sir, payable and much more than allowed it.

I regret the necessity of calling your attention
to a deficiency in the appropriation and means applicable
to the ordinary expenses for the Branch Mint San Francisco
Cal: during the fiscal year ending to-day. I have
just received a letter on this subject from the Superintendent
of that branch of the Mints. He says "I would beg leave
to call your attention to the state of our means for the
balance of the present fiscal year, by reference to my
letter of 19th December last in reply to yours of the 19th
November. You will perceive that I made no calcula-
tion for paying the whole or any part of the acid
contract in New York but excluded it entirely from
my estimates but I find in your last accounts a
payment of \$3,337.62 for acid, which payments
together with the large drafts on our "Treasury Approp-
riation" will render it absolutely necessary that
we have a deficiency appropriation of at
least \$20,000 - Exclusive of the \$10,000 to be paid for
acid, or \$30,000 in all, which amount you will please
ask for, that we may have it at the earliest possible
moment, as the workmen have not been paid for the
month of May and they are obliged to borrow money
for their support at 3 per cent per month."

It would appear that the deficiency stated
arises in a great measure from the large amount
of coinage which has been executed, and a
consequent increase in expenses, especially in the
wages of workmen, there being a large force
employed and much over time allowed. As
requested by the Superintendent I commend the
subject to your attention.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

Samuel R. Snowden.
United States Mint

Hon James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, June 30, 1856,

Sir,

I have to invite your attention to the subject of providing for a deficiency in the appropriations of the U. S. Mint San Francisco for the fiscal year 1855-56 ~~the following~~. The Supt. of that Institution in a letter to me dated June 4, 1856 says "I would hereby draw to the

The deficiency referred to arises from the ~~causing of the~~ fact that

The ~~large~~ drafts on ~~the~~ ^{the} Treasury appropriation of that branch referred to by the Superintendent were there advanced by the Department ~~to me~~ from that appropriation to meet expenses incurred by me for articles for that branch

New Bedford June 20, 1855

Dear Sir, the following is a statement of money
I sent to M. S. ^{assay office} ~~Assault~~ as per receipt. I do not like
the result please inform me what it ought to
be after ^{fineness} ~~nothing~~ ^{loss} ~~139.90~~ - comes to 161.84 ^{plus} 94 ^{with} 160.94

I rec^d 160.94[¢]. I sent 140 ounces mostly to America
an ^{silver} coinage. What is the standard fineness of new coin-
age, and why is it that I should not receive but
a fraction over 128 ounces of new silver when
I sent 140 ounces and pay for the coinage. Will you
be so kind as to inform me, whether in your op-
inion there is a mistake, and what must be the av-
erage fineness of silver to get the mint-price of 124[¢] per oz. I
buy old silver but can't afford to lose money on it
as I have on this lot. I am Sir Yours &c

C. J. H. G. G. G.

Mint of the United States
Philad + 20 June 1886

Sir,

I have examined, as you request, the return on a deposit of silver which you forwarded to the Assay Office, New York, and do not perceive any grounds for the dissatisfaction you express in regard to it.

You should remember that the standard fineness of American silver, issued prior to 1837, is but $892\frac{7}{16}$; of that issued since 900. In a mixed lot such as yours, "mostly old American coinage", the medium fineness of 895 is what might be anticipated.

At the Assay Office, silver is not purchased, as with us, at $1.22\frac{1}{2}$ per ounce standard, payable in new coinage, but is paid for in old dollars, of the old standard. The payment made to you, \$160.94, was the correct amount due, in dollars, for the 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ ounces standard to which you were entitled, after deductions.

You can realize a premium of about 5 p.c. on the sale of your dollars which you should consider in estimating the net return on the deposit.

E. F. Brewster,
New Bedford, Mass.

Very respectfully,
James R. Snowden,
Director of the U. S. Mint.

United States Assay Office

New York, June 27, 1856.

Sir,

I send enclosed a statement of the business of this Office for the month of May. Owing to the incomplete condition of some of the deposit calculations it has been impossible to render an accurate report at an earlier day.

I have to thank you for a copy of your Annual report. If you have a supply of these reports, I should be pleased to receive 15 or 20 copies.

The California Mint Sweep is at length all in store, and I have addressed letters to Messrs. Longman & Son of Brooklyn, and to Dr. J. W. Thomson, inviting them to draw samples & present their offers.

If you have any funds belonging to the Cal. M^t. Mint, had you not better authorize me to draw on you for the payment of the expenses incurred in regards to this sweep? The Treasurer of this Office is, very properly, averse to any irregular use of his funds; and I have not deemed it worth while to propose to him the temporary payment of

these expenses. The bills presented thus far have
been paid from private funds, and if you de-
sire it I will pay the remaining bills. Still,
as some time may elapse before the sweep
is disposed of, it seems to be more regular
to provide for the expenses in the manner
I have proposed. Mess. Millitt & Co. have
to-day presented a bill of freight for \$739.44.

Very respectfully,

Your att^d serv^t,

Saml T. Buttrick
Supt

Mr. J. R. Snowden, }
Director of the Mint. }

1st July.

6.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge Your favor of the 27th ult^o.

I regret to say that I have no funds in my hands belonging to the Branch Mint San Francisco. I cannot therefore, furnish You with means to meet the expenses incurred on account of the Stamps of that branch of the Mint. I see no other course to pursue with respect to the expenses referred to, than for those presenting bills to wait for payments until the proceeds of the Stamps are received. I hope that the payments already made on account of these Stamps will not cause You any inconvenience.

A few copies - as many as I can spare at present - of my last Annual Report are forwarded to you to-day per Express.

Wm. F. Butterworth Secy
Capt. W. S. 4th Regt. Infy - 3

Very respectfully, Your Obedt. Servt.
Samuel R. Bowdler.
President

Treasury Department.
June 25. 1854.

Sir,

The Hon. J. Letcher, of the House of Representatives, has transmitted to this Department, a series of resolutions, which he proposes to introduce in the House, and has requested that he may be furnished at once, with the information to which they point. I enclose copies of the Third and Fourth Resolutions, and have to request you will transmit to me, as soon as convenient, the information for which they call.

I am, Very Respy.
James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

J. Ross Snowden, Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa.

Third - What is the amount and value of the gold and silver bullion, annually transferred by the Treasurer of the Assay office at New-York to Philadelphia for coinage; and the amount received at the Mint in Philadelphia from other sources

Fourth. The exact and entire cost attending the transfer of Gold and silver bullion, to and from the City of New-York to Philadelphia, - how much of that cost has been provided for by direct appropriations for that purpose, - and how much of the cost is provided for, under the head of contingent and incidental expenses.

1854. Recd Gold 3,649,163.9 Silver 2,293.00 Feb 3,643,209.97

" Paid Gold 2,042,879.85 S. 990.62 Feb 2,043,870.47

1855 Recd G = 4,007,457.96 S. = 951.77 S. = 4,008,409.73

Paid G x 3,996,559.34 S. x 3,245.35 x 3,999,804.69

Recd G = 1,029,084.36 S. = 0.00 = 1,029,084.36

Paid G x 2,717,020.90 S. x 0.00 x 2,717,020.90

Recd G = 1,045.00 S = 3,536.27 = 4,581.27

Paid G x 1,045.00 S x 3,536.27 x 4,581.27

Recd = 4,392.057 = 4,392.057

Paid x 4,392.057 x 4,392.057

Recd = 6,502.657 = 6,502.657

Paid x 6,502.657 x 6,502.657

Recd = 1,083.892 = 1,083.892

Paid x 1,083.892 x 1,083.892

Recd & Paid = 29,497.71 x = 29,497.71

Recd & Paid = 30,021.73 x = 30,021.73

Recd & Paid x = 8,096.26 x = 8,096.26

Recd = 12,599.16 = 12,599.16

Paid x 12,599.16 x 12,599.16

Recd & Paid = 22,929.73 x = 22,929.73

Feb 1856

Recd = 4,753,261.54 = 4,753,261.54

Paid x 4,753,261.54 x 4,753,261.54

Recd & Paid = 5,571,060.27 x = 5,571,060.27

Recd & Paid 2267 145.99

June 27th 6.

Sir,

In compliance with your favor of the 25th inst. I have prepared, and herewith enclose, a statement giving the information asked for by the third and fourth resolutions presented to you by the Hon. J. Letcher of the House of Representatives.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
your faithful servant,

James Rep. Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Hon. James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City.

Question: "What is the amount and value of the gold and silver actually transferred by the Treasurer of the Assay Office at New York to Philadelphia, for coinage, and the amount received at the Mint, in Philadelphia from other sources"

Answer. The Assay Office commenced operations in October 1854. In answer to this resolution a statement is herewith presented covering the information asked for during the 4th quarter of 1854, the whole year 1855, and the year 1856 to this date, June 26th.

Receipts from Assay Office

1854. - 4 th quar.	Gold \$3,640,911	Silver \$2,294	Total \$ 3,643,210
1855. - whole year	" 7,705,811	" 21,070	" 7,741,889
1856. - to 26 June	" 5,377,137	" 135,108	" 5,512,245
Aggregate	G. \$ 16,723,864	S. \$ 173,480	Total \$ 16,897,344

Receipts at the Mint, from other sources

1854. - 4 th quar	Gold \$2,446,905	Silver \$ 853,527	Total \$ 3,500,432
1855. whole year	" 2,828,293	" 2,644,479	" 5,472,772
1856. to 26 June	" 1,177,790	" 1,058,432	" 2,236,222
Aggregate	G. \$ 6,652,988	S. \$ 4,556,438	Total \$ 11,209,426

(over)

Question. - The exact and entire cost attending the transfer of gold and silver bullion to and from the city of New York to Philadelphia, how much of that cost has been provided for by direct appropriations for that purpose, and how much of the cost is provided for under the head of Contingent and Incidental Expenses.

Answer. - The cost of transfer, including a guarantee against all risks whatever, is fifty cents per \$100 each way, on gold, and \$1.50 per \$1000. on silver.

By the answer to the former query it will be seen that there has been received from New York Gold \$16,723,864 Silver \$173,480. Of these receipts we have returned, in aid, to the Assay Office, Gold \$15,458,705 Silver \$173,480. So that the aggregate amount paid for transportation, at the above rates, is as follows:

On gold to Philadelphia about	\$8,362.9
do Assay Office New York	2,729.3
Total on Gold	\$16,091.3
<hr/>	
On silver to Philadelphia	260.2
do New York	260.2
Total on Silver	\$520.4

The expense of the transportation of silver

Charge on the profits of the Silver Coinage. The
expense on the transportation of Gold is paid
by the appropriations made for that purpose
by Congress. These appropriations have been
as follows, viz:

for fiscal year ending June 30, 1855 \$ 18,750.

do

1856 \$ 10,000.

Total

\$ 28,750

The amount appropriated having exceeded
the sum necessary to be expended (namely \$16,091)
no portion of the cost has been paid from the ap-
propriation for contingencies.

Print of the United States.

Philadelphia, June 27, 1856.

James R. Thompson,
Director.

Dec 20/66

Dear Sir

I will furnish the Mms with Richard
Moss at \$1⁰⁰ per end and Pine at
\$6 per end

Yours Respectfully

John D. Ward

P.S. Being out of the city I did not
see the minutes for proposal until the
evening. I sent a bid by the stage, for fear
it would not reach you. I send a
duplicate. I regret not being able
to make the same bid as before.

Yours Respectfully

J.D.W.

Robertson St. Wharf Schu June 25/60
To Sir

I will furnish the mill with
hickory wood at \$1.75 per cord and
lime at \$6

Yours Respectfully
John Ward

P.S. I regret not being able to put in
the full bid. The advance in wood will
not admit doing so

Yours

Contract awarded to John
L. Ward at above prices

HRL

Treasury Department
June 25. 1856.

Sir

Enclosed you will find a transfer draft in favor of the As. Treasurer at Boston on the Treasurer of the Bank at Philad. made payable to the order of Adams Express Co. for \$100.00 - which be pleased to forward by Adams Express Co. to Boston, in silver coins of the following denominations.

In half dollars -	\$ 30.000.
" 25. - do	20.000
" dimes	30.
" 1/2 dimes	10.
	<u>\$100.000</u>

I am very Resp
Yours truly
Sec of the Treasury.

J. Sturgeon Esq. Dr
Main at
Philad.

Recd at above June 26/56

New York June 24th 1866.

Sir,

I have the honor to present for your consideration, the enclosed circular, which was designed for popular distribution, with the view of making my invention more generally known, particularly among gold miners.

You will observe that I have referred to the apparatus, which by your kindness, has been introduced into the U.S. Mint, and I trust, in so doing that I have brought no discredit upon your Institution, or forfeited the claims to which I hope I am entitled, of your good opinion of the apparatus, or its Inventor.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servant

Edward M. Hunt.

Hon. J. Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Ans^d. June 25. 1866
I should be glad to hear
of the success of the
the gold mining apparatus

As we have been told of the success of the gold mining apparatus in making an apparatus to extract and collect.

From *W. L.*
E. N. Runkles
Middlebury
N.Y. July 20

Swamp Machine

Jan 25, 1856

KENT'S PATENT

APPARATUS FOR SEPARATING GOLD.

Patented in the United States, Great Britain, France and Belgium.

SHORTLY after entering upon my official duties as Master and Refiner in the United States Assay Office, it was my ambition to discover a more effectual method for separating gold and silver from foreign substances than any which had been hitherto employed. Having an abundant and constant supply of material, I had facilities for effecting this object, which enabled me to investigate the subject in the most thorough and practical manner. The result of this investigation was the invention of the apparatus herein described, the first of which has been constantly in use at the United States Assay Office in New-York, since August 1st, 1853. One of them has been subsequently introduced into the United States Mint at Philadelphia, where it has been in daily use since April 1st, 1854.

The most striking peculiarity of this invention is, that so large a proportion of the gold can be separated by specific gravity alone. During the first six months of its use 9,331.66 ounces of gold and silver were separated by it, and of this large amount, 9,110.66 ounces (which is 97.6 per cent. of the whole) were obtained from the "Separator," which is that portion of the apparatus in which the separation is effected by *specific gravity* in a high column of water, without the use of mercury. The specific gravity of quartz is 2½, iron pyrites 5, and of gold nearly 20. The finest particles of the precious metal are, therefore, nearly eight times heavier than those of quartz, and four times heavier than those of iron pyrites. Consequently when these, or other earthy substances containing gold, are suspended in a high column of water, the gold, which is the heaviest, falls to the bottom, and with a gentle current of water passing through the apparatus, the earthy substances, which are lighter, and the sulphurets, when re-crushed sufficiently fine, are carried away, and the gold remains.

Although gold is nearly twenty times heavier than water, it will sometimes float upon the latter, and is then called "floating gold." This is due to a repulsion of the fine particles of gold and water, which temporarily overcomes the law of specific gravity; but it occurs *only* when the gold is dry on the surface. If a needle be wiped dry and placed lightly on the surface of water, this also will float, and become a "floating needle;" but let the fine particles of gold, or the needle, become *once wet*, they will each obey the law of specific gravity, and fall to the bottom.

The principles involved in the action of the "Gold Separator" are based upon the theory described above. The ore (which has been previously crushed as fine as possible) is first *agitated with water*, by feeding it into the hopper or "Grain Separator," in which, the gold which has been liberated by the previous crushing, is separated and retained. The earthy portion of the crushed ore is carried thence into the *centre* of the column of water in the submerged Chilian mill, in such a manner as to prevent the finest particles from floating upon the surface of the water, in which, as in the case above mentioned, the gold is separated and falls to the bottom, in obedience to the law of specific gravity. The heavier particles of earth or ore, *which are those containing gold*, also fall to the bottom of the mill, by virtue of their specific gravity, where they are ground under the water in which the finer portion is suspended by the agitation of the wheels, the gold falling to and remaining at the bottom, while the earth is carried away by the current of water; and as daily practical operation has proved, nearly 98 per cent. of all the gold is thus saved by specific gravity alone, and without the use of mercury, by the "Gold Separator" above described.

The principles involved in the action of the "Amalgamator" are based upon the following theory: It is well known that gold, *when clean*, readily amalgamates with mercury; but if the particles of gold, or the surface of the mercury, are dirty, there is a repulsion of the particles similar to that above mentioned, in the case of floating gold, and consequently dirty gold, *such as is found in all native ores*,

and particularly in auriferous pyrites, cannot be entirely separated by amalgamation alone. Every gold miner will bear evidence to this. But dirty gold is nearly as heavy as clean gold, and consequently it can be separated by *specific gravity* upon the principles above mentioned; and when the particles of gold thus separated, and the surface of the mercury, are both cleaned, as in this apparatus, by the double action of wooden paddle wheels, the final separation of the gold may then be effected by amalgamation.

It is also well known to gold miners, that when the mercury used for amalgamation is broken up, or divided into small globules, these cannot be made to re-unite when dirty; and consequently a large quantity of mercury as well as gold is lost, in most of the amalgamators heretofore invented. With the apparatus herein described, this is not the case. The mercury is not agitated or broken up by stirring, and the high column of water above it prevents it from being carried away by the sand, consequently the mercury is saved in the same manner as in the separation or saving of gold by specific gravity. After six months daily and constant use of this amalgamator, no diminution of the quantity of mercury originally used was observed; and by carefully re-washing five barrels of tailings which had previously passed through it, only a trace of mercury was obtained.

It will be observed, that the earthy substance or crushed ore, when *once* supplied to this apparatus, is subjected to *three separate distinct and successive operations*, all of which are based on scientific principles, and applied to the metallurgy of gold in the following manner:

1. The crushed ore is first supplied to the hopper or grain separator, in which it is agitated with water, and subjected to an operation which very nearly resembles hand washing or panning, which is familiar to all gold miners, but it is much more perfect than hand washing, and instead of being performed by hand, is effected by the aid of machinery, so as to avoid manual labor, and perform a much larger amount of work. By this operation *alone*, all the gold that can be saved by hand washing or "panning," is separated at once, without abrasion or loss.

2. The earthy portion, from which all the gold which can be separated by panning, is now removed, passes into the centre of the column of water in the submerged Chilian mill, where it is re-crushed under water, so as to liberate the *finer* particles of gold from the earth, and the whole being suspended in the high column of water, by the agitation of the wheels, the earthy portion passes off when ground sufficiently fine, while the gold falls to the bottom of the mill, by virtue of its greater specific gravity, and is saved in the form of very rich or highly concentrated ore, from which the gold may then be profitably separated by smelting.

3. The fine earth which passes from the mill is again suspended in another column of water, and the *finest* particles of dirty gold which are thus separated by specific gravity, are cleaned by the double action of the paddle wheels, and then collected by amalgamation with the mercury, which is also cleaned at the same time, in such a manner as to prevent loss of mercury or the gold.

This apparatus is not heavy enough for *crushing quartz*, and was not designed for that purpose. But it is particularly adapted for separating *gold from the sulphurets*, and this is the portion usually lost by the use of other apparatus. For these reasons, the crude ore should be previously crushed as fine as possible, by larger and more powerful apparatus; then concentrated in such a manner as to leave the sulphurets and *wash away the quartz*. The *sulphurets* which retain the precious metal are then to be supplied to *this apparatus for separating the gold*. By this process a large amount of ore or tailings may be worked daily, because the bulk of the rich sulphurets is small, compared with that of the quartz. If, therefore, twenty tons of the powdered ore, or tailings from other apparatus, contain but one or two tons of *sulphurets*, the *gold* from twenty tons of it may be daily saved by this invention.

EDWARD N. KENT, CHIEF,

Laboratory 116 John-street, New-York.

Treasury Department
June 28. 1856

Sir:

The sum of \$2200, paid by the Navy Agent at Philadelphia, to James B. Longacre, for engraving the "Ingraham Medal", was received by him, in violation of law, and the amount having been repaid by this Department to the Navy Department, has been charged to Mr. Longacre, and until it is refunded, he cannot receive his salary as Engraver.

I have therefore to request you will withhold payment from Mr. Longacre for salary due him for the quarter ending the 30th instant, as well as future quarters, until the said amount, with interest, is repaid.

I am, Sir, Very Respectfully,

James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

A. S. Sargent, Esq.
Treasurer of the Mint.
Philadelphia
Pa.

J. N. HOFFMAN.

Dr. EDWARD MORWITZ.

Philadelphia Demokrat,

THE LARGEST DAILY PRINT PAPER IN THE UNION,

(Its circulation exceeds that of all the other daily German papers in Pennsylvania combined and is larger than that of any other daily paper in Philadelphia, except the Ledger.)

Published by

HOFFMAN & MORWITZ,

No. 717 North Third Street,

Philadelphia,

June 24, 1856.

Col. James Ross Snowden,

Director of the U. S. Mint.

Dear Sir,

Can you give us order to copy the enclosed "Secret" in our Paper for the few days left?

By answering this you will oblige

Yours Truly

Hoffman & Morwitz.

June 25. Auth. the publication
by note to the publisher. J.R.S.

June 24th 6.

Gentlemen:

I have it under consideration to put up new cutting presses in the mint; and, with a view to some improvements, it has occurred to me that a drawing or tracing of the machines you have in use may be desirable. I will be much obliged if you will furnish me with such a drawing or tracing, together with a statement of the number of pieces each machine will cut per hour, and such other information as ^{you} may think to be desirable to me.

Very Respectfully,
your obt servant,

James Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint.

Messrs Crocker & Brothers
Lowell
Massachusetts.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

June 23rd 6.

Sir,

In reply to your favor of yesterday, I have to state that I regard Mr. Conrad Krigand as well qualified for the office of Assayer of the United States Mint at San Francisco to which he has been appointed during the recess of the Senate. Previous to this appointment he had been employed several years in the assay department of the Mint at Philadelphia and possessed the entire confidence of the officers of that institution as to his character for integrity and his qualifications as an assayer. Since his appointment at San Francisco his work has been repeatedly tested with satisfactory results. At the annual assay in February last his operations were carefully tested from the 20th of August 1855 to the 31st of December in the same year (and he entered upon his official duties on the 20th of August.) Since that time, so far as I have any knowledge or information, he has discharged the duties of the office in question in a careful, prompt and satisfactory manner. No charges have ever been made to me against him and nothing has come to my knowledge which exhibited any weakness on his part involving any want of official skill.

I may add that I have every reason to believe
as well from official and as from personal
letters and information that the present Corps
of officers at the branch mint at San Francisco
are co-operating in entire harmony and
mutual confidence; and that the withdrawal
of any of them just now when they are so well
prepared with work, and while they cordially
hope the confidence of depositors and the
public there, would be likely to injure the
prospects of that branch of the mint and
cause embarrassment to the public service.

I have the honor to be
with great respects
your faithful servant

James R. Thompson
Director U.S. Mint

Hon. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Respectfully
Yours
J. R. Thompson

Treasury Department
June 22^d 1856.

Sir,

Mr. McVigand, who was appointed
Assayer at the Marshall Mint at San Francisco,
during the recess of the Senate, has been nominated
to that body, but the nomination has not been
confirmed. It is understood that the delay to
confirm the appointment arises from representa-
tions of his incompetency made to the Senate
from California. You will oblige me by giving
me any information you may have going to
confirm or disprove these representations, and
particularly today, if any charges have been
made to you against him, or if, in any assays
made by Mr. McVigand, which have come under
your knowledge any necessary implying want
of skill has appeared.

I am, Very Respectfully,
James H. Watson

J. R. Snowden Esq. Secretary of the Treasury

Chief of the United States
Philad^a 20 June 1856

Sir,

Revised Accounts from the Branch Office
California, for the 1st quarter 1855, have
been forwarded to me, and are now under-
going examination preparatory to being trans-
mitted to you. With a view, however, to save
their certain errors, it is desirable that I
should know whether the balances of the last
account sent to you have been found correct;
and I will thank you to furnish me with this
information.

I may add that the accounts for the whole
year '55 and 1st quarter '56, are promised for
early transmission.

Very respectfully

James Ross Snowden,
Director

Thos. L. Smith
Asst Auditor
Washington

New York Dec 21. 1856

Daniel Surgeon Genl
Estimated Friend

We have received for Express
five bags copper coin which we suppose contains One hundred
dollar each (not marked as so in invoice) on account of
Crocky Bros & Co. We should like to receive
another shipment.

Respectfully
Willetts & Co

1856

Treasurer Department
June 20. 1856.

Sir

The Treasurer has been
requested to give a draft in favor of
the Depository at Baltimore on the Treasurer
of the Mint at Philadelphia for \$50.000.

Be pleased to send the amount by
Adams Express Co. in coins of the following
denominations - viz. -

Gold Dollars	\$48.900
2 Cent pieces	- 1.000
Copper Pennies	50
	<u>\$ 50.000.</u>

I am very Respectfully
Yours
Wm. L. Garrison
Secy of the Treasury

Sanl: Sturgeon
Treasurer
Philad. :

U. S. Mint of the United States.
June the 10th, 1888.

Sir,

Sir: The receipt of the California

mint I have received your note of yesterday
in reference to the receipt of the San Francisco
Branch mint now landing in your city.

I have no recollection of the report
of the assay of these receipts from that institu-
tion. The assay of them made at your
office will be that adopted in the calcula-
tion of their value.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, Sir, Sincerely,
J. S. Bullenworth, Esq.

Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.
J. S. Bullenworth, Esq.
Supt. U. S. Mint, San Francisco.

Hon. J. R. Anderson,
Director of the Mint.

U. S. Pay Office,

New York, June 19, 1856.

Sir,

The sweep of the Califor-
nia Fr. Mint is not yet landed.
As soon as it is all stored I
will follow your instructions in
regard to it.

Has this sweep been assayed in California, & if so in how many lots? It is impossible to show samples properly till one receives the invoice showing the marks or numbers of the several lots.

Very respectfully

Yours ob. servt.,

A. T. Bullenworth, Lape.

per G. F. Dunning.

Hon. J. R. Bowden, }
Director of the Mint. }

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, 19th June 1856.

Gentlemen:

I have to acknowledge your favor of the 2nd February last.

In reply ~~to your inquiry~~ I have to state that on the 10th of April 1855, the following deposits of gold were made at the Mint by the Mint Agent of the Adams Express Co. viz:

J. M. Cook	Value	\$ 3919.27
J. Robson	"	4,456.81

The above ~~deposits~~ remain undrawn and are no doubt the identical ~~deposits~~ deposits referred to in your letter.

U.S. Mint of the United States: 1856
June the 20th, 1858.
To Director of the U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the proposed issue of a new coin of the U.S. Mint, and in answer to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I will be found to furnish the information desired in your letter of the 10th inst.

I would remark, however, that the position of the Spanish and Mexican dollar being much worn will not be likely to realize a premium, and very frequently are found to fall below their nominal value in the return.

I am, respectfully,
Yours very truly,
James Ross
Director

Attest: Wm. H. Lawrence,
Clerk of the U.S. Mint.
Will be found to furnish the information desired in your letter of the 10th inst.

Respectfully,
Wm. H. Lawrence

Columbus Ohio June 16th 1856
To Director of U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

My object in writing you is to
learn the rate or price at which you receive old
Coin of the following description or kinds.
and whether you prefer by Draft or Coin.

I have the following land amounts.

6 1/2 pieces Spanish \$25 to \$30. Dollars.

12 1/2 " " \$50 to 60 "

25 " Spanish or Mexican 150 "

American Gold 50 "

American Shards 50 "

Together with
Foreign such as 3 Pence. Shillings. English Shilling & 6
pence and other which will amount to \$25 or \$30.

Will confer a favor by sending Circular or answering
at convenience

Respectfully yours

W. W. Manning

June the 18th.

Dear Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 24th. in closing a table of weights of the old coins, and have to apologize that official duties prevented my earlier giving it the attention the subject demands.

As all of the Mending establishments and many of the principal button dealer I now adopt, exclusively, the system of weighing by ounces and decimals, which is far more simple and convenient than that by ozs. denars and grains, I trust you will encourage this use by your example, and prepare your weights and tables in conformity thereto. With a view to aid you in this object, I have taken the liberty of substituting columns of ozs. and decs. in the place of your pangs and columns in the table sent.

Should you see proper to make the proposed alteration, I will cheerfully append my certificate to the tables you propose to prepare.

I am, very respectfully,

Yours Robt. Snowden.

Director.

A. Howard, Esq.
Boston:

June 10 1856

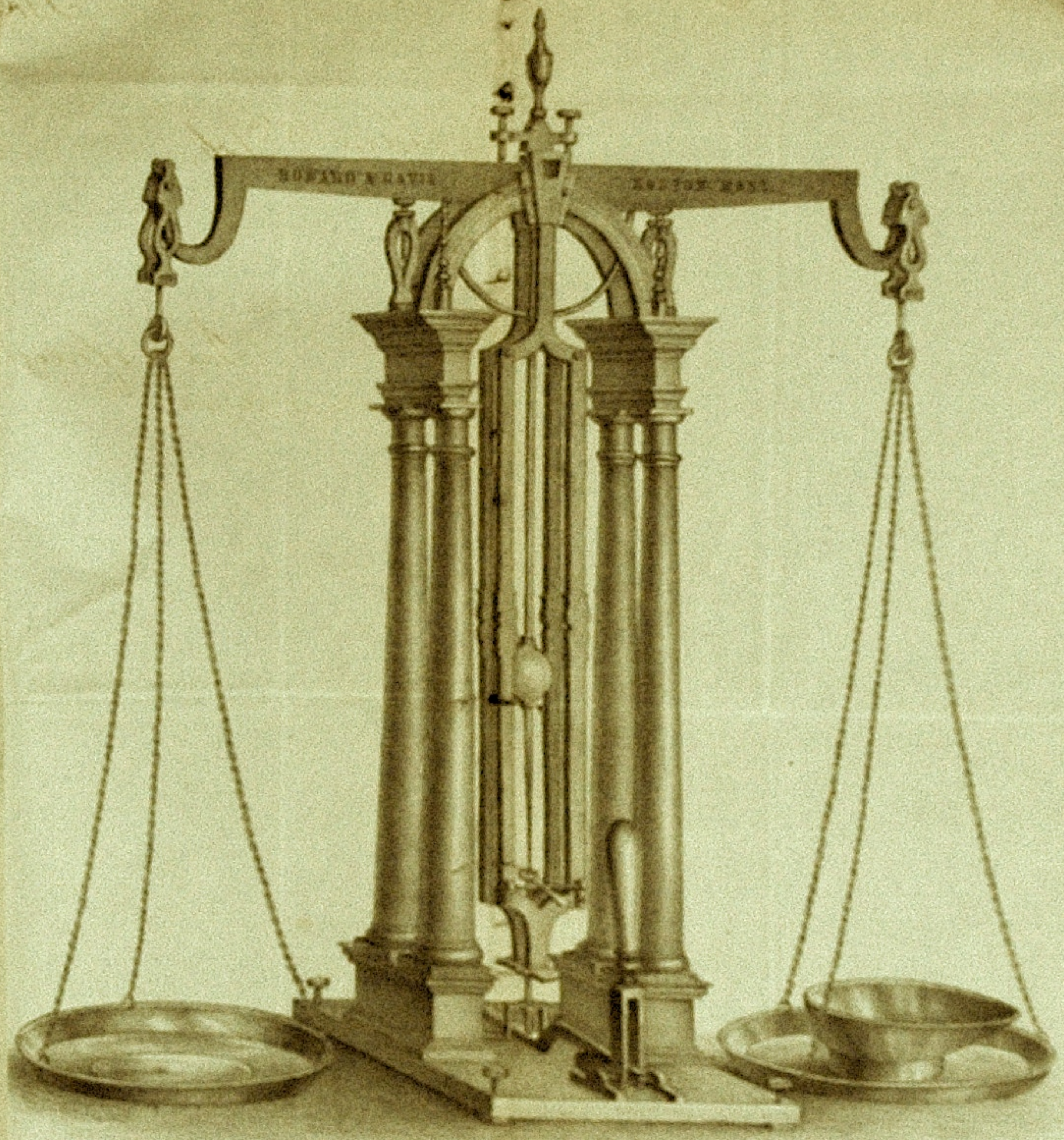
My dear Sir
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 27th inst. in relation to the matter of the balance of the account of the Mint. I have the honor to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours, &c.
Wm. A. R. Smith

Wm. A. R. Smith

Washington May 27 1856
James A. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Ala. Si

In the sale of Gold Standard Balances which we manufacture, we meet often Enquiries from Banks and others for a Coin Table and have prepared the one enclosed. - We should esteem it a favor if you will at your leisure look it over and if found correct certify to it as we shall have it Stereotyped. - Please insert the date of the Silver Act in the blank left. Should you need any new Balances for use at your Department we shall be glad to have one of our makers tried. - We make 14 Sizes Gold Balances
Respectfully Yours
Wm. A. R. Smith
late Treasurer of the Mint

No. 1



GOLD STANDARD BALANCES.

A. HOWARD & DAVIS
Manufacturers.

BOSTON, MASS.

SUCCESSORS TO R. BARNARD AND W. LYMPTON

Bank of Capital
Men of the U.S. June 1896
Philadelphia, June 17, 1896

Dear Sir:

That communication of the 11th inst.
enclosing ch. on New York for \$100. has been
received.

I have directed a free bag of contents
to be forwarded by express with the \$100. which remains
after payment for the bag - the New York Express
the enclosed for freight to:
The receipt of Atlantic Coast Express
will be forwarded by the Treasurer when the
bag is delivered - in the course of a day or two.
Very respectfully,
Saml. B. Express Co. New York

Wm. J. Bond
Cashier of
Cable and

James R. Edwards

James R. Edwards

Wm. J. Bond

Cal.

Bank of Capital
New York
14 June 1856

W. Robt. Dr. Dr. Dr.
Director
Phil.

Dear Sir
Enclosed is my duplicate
of \$100 on New York for \$100 - for which please
send me a bag of \$100 in cents - The \$100 is to pay
expended if any - if not return in 10% note or find
in bag.
Send the bag by
Adams & Co. Express to Goldensboro N.C.
A. S. Oblige
Yours Resp. M. H. Bowles Cal.

The U. S. Mint
for Treasury Dept for Silver
1857

To. J. J. Ennard Dr

Jan 30 3 Wood Axes handled. Order No 4.	250	
May 6 4 gross 3- Screws. Order No 10-	388	
1 gross 3- Screws "	228	866
June 16 15 H. 30' nails		<u>75</u>
		941

Witness of
Correct
Geo H. Salsaker
Clerk

Rec'd For

J. J. Ennard

United States Mint

order no. 11 - for

Treasurer

To Wm J. Linnard

1867

June 16 For 305 ft of Extra wide

B.C. white Pine R/R 4 1/2 ft 13 72

" " . Cut to 4 in

25

13 97

Wm J. Linnard

Rec'd

Wm Van Oslen

Rec'd payment

W. J. Linnard

Philadelphia, 6 mo. 15 1855

NO. 8

SAMUEL PARRISH,

ALFRED L. HOUGH,

United States Mint
Bought of PARRISH & HOUGH,

SOUTH FIFTH ST.

Corner of Minor st.

WHOLESALE DEALERS IN BLANK BOOKS, STATIONERY, PAPER HANGINGS, FIRE SCREENS, WINDOW PAPERS, &c.

- 1 *berry book* printed & bd to order \$7.00

Inc. & Cont. Ex	\$ 4,347.87
Wages	15,456.66
Salaries	<u>6,975.00</u>
Total	<u>26,779.53</u>

January 14.

Sir,

In compliance with the act of March 3, 1855
I present herewith a quarterly statement of the
expenditures of the Mint for the fourth quarter 1855.

Expenditures of the Mint during Fourth Quarter 1855.

For incidental & contingent expenses	4 347 0
" Stamps	15 456 0
" Salaries of Officers & Clerks	6 773 00
Total	<u>126 576 00</u>

I have the honor to be

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

James R. Thompson
Director

Hon. James Guthrie,
Secy of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Wm. H. 13th Dec.
No 7 (comp. 6)
Lining, 20 Boxes with shut pipes
@ 3.50 70.00
Repairing, 40 = @ 35 14.00
Benj. Hunter

70.00
14.00
84.00

Mechanics' Bank,

Philadelphia, June 15th. 1856.

Joseph G. Mitchell, late Assistant President, was this day, unanimously, elected Cashier, in place of William Shaw Esq. resigned on account of ill health.

J. G. Mitchell
Esq.

Signature.

J. G. Mitchell
Cashier

San Antonio June 14. 1836.

Robt. Patterson Esq
actg Treasr.
U.S. Mint.

Sirs -

We have
received your favor of the
12th inst. - with check on
New York, for \$1.369²² in
payment of invt. of Blanchet,
No 404.

We will send the 1/2
cent - Blanchet - by Express -

Yours.

Very Respectfully

Over

3 P.M.

Charles B. W. J. G.

June 12 7.

Dear Sir,

The article you enclose to me
is, I learn from the pen of James H. Taylor
Esq: a very intelligent gentleman of
Charleston who keeps me the attention of
Coin-Collecting.

The last paragraph 'There of:
proof to be all the varieties' &c is some-
what obscure, and perhaps inaccurate;
What were all the varieties, and
by what authority issued and very
debatable and unsatisfactory points?
This Catalogue certainly some and
some not seen, and omits some we
have seen and heard of; but it is
useful as far as it goes.

I make these remarks without intend-
ing to endorse the accuracy or otherwise
of the article in question. In fact it was
improper for me to do so as an officer
of the Mint. I may add that we have
no precise fact in an examination
of this character than is reported
by collectors of coin &c Res.

THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO., 116 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO.'S
GREAT
Eastern, Western & Southern Express.

Received of *Philadelphia, June 12th 1897*
Hon. J. A. McMillan

One Package Maps, and
One Box Lugs
MARKED *W. H. Mitchell & Co. Engineers Phila.*
Chambers St. Boston Mass
W. H. 140.

To be forwarded as addressed: THE EXPRESS COMPANY not to be held responsible for any loss or damage arising from fire, railroad accidents, ocean or river navigation, etc., UNLESS SPECIALLY INSURED BY THEM, AND SO SPECIFIED IN THIS RECEIPT.

Freight, _____

Insurance, _____

FOR THE PROPRIETORS

Geo. W. Duff

CHAS. F. BATES, 116 CHESTNUT ST., PHILA. AND BOSTON OFFICES.

United States Assay Office

New York, Jan. 11, 1856.

Sir,

I have been authorized, by the Secretary of the Treasury, under date of the 22^d ult., to allow Mr. Rathfleisch \$cent per lb. additional (viz: 8cts.) for Nitric acid furnished to this Office, for the space of one month from the above date, - the continuance of this allowance beyond that period to depend upon the market price of Nitrate of Soda.

In order to be able to give full information to the Department, I should be glad to learn from you whether this Office can be supplied with acid from Philadelphia on any better terms (8cts. per lb. delivered.)

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servt.,

Saml F. Butterworth

Supt

Wm. J. R. Snowden, }
Director of the Mint. }

THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO., 116 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO.'S
GREAT
Eastern, Western & Southern Express.

Received of *Philadelphia, June 10th 1856*
W. S. Hunt *Commissioner of the Prudential*

MARKED *Walter Bishop*
Superintendent of Public Schools
Western Mass

To be forwarded as addressed: THE EXPRESS COMPANY not to be held responsible for any loss or damage arising from fire, railroad accidents, ocean or river navigation, etc., UNLESS SPECIALLY INSURED BY THEM, AND SO SPECIFIED IN THIS RECEIPT.

Freight, _____

Insurance, _____

FOR THE PROPRIETORS,

J. M. Dill

CLAIM, PHILADELPHIA, 116 CHESTNUT ST., OVER THE RAILROAD OFFICE.

June 10, 6.

Dear Sir, The 100 "Franklin Medals" and
100 "City Medals" recently awarded by you for
your Public Schools, have this day been sent
to you per Adams Express Co. whose receipt
for the same is herewith enclosed. The bill
for the medals (a duplicate of which is herewith
transmitted) will be presented to you by the
express Co. for payment.

I am very respectfully,
Yours, R. H. Stoddard.
Director of Schools

Nathan Bishop Esq.
Supt. Public Schools,
Boston
Mass.

New York June 2nd 1836
No 84 Beekman St 2nd Story

Sir:

You are respectfully invited to witness the operation of a new machine for separating Ores, Metals, &c., which will be exhibited by the Inventor at above all this week ^{1 to 4 o'clock} for the only time in N.Y. previous to its going to the Mine's

This Machine separates Gold Ores of all kinds, at the cost of a few cents per ton, and is also peculiarly adapted for Copper, Lead, &c. It will separate any substances having a different specific gravity of ten per cent. It will work in the dry dippings of California without water or quicksilver. It will separate Crushed Ores from all Metals, and concentrate Pyrites or any Sulphuretted Ores which carry Gold and Silver sufficiently pure for smelting. The machine is simple, portable, and calculated to do a large amount of work, and not liable to get out of order.

As this machine supplies the want so long felt by the practical Miner, it is specially recommended to the notice of the mining interest. We therefore take the liberty of soliciting your attendance.

The J. H. Hubb.

To Hon. J. R. Snowden

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

June 9th. 1856

Sir I am in receipt of your
letter of the 6th. inst.
relative of Gold Coins by the Adams
Express Co. to the amount of One hundred
and forty five ⁹⁹/₁₀₀ dollars. (\$ 145.99) which
I have placed to your credit; being the
balance due, for gold bullion transmitted to
you for coinage to this date.

Very Respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.

Robert Patterson Esq
Acty & Treasurer
U.S. Mint. Phil^a

Wm. J. Clegg
Treasurer

the Iron Works
Lancaster
- would please

Cool mostly
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the them:
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fully
Walpert

1875

1875

6 mo 1856.

Edmunds villa, near Weymouth Iron Works
Alameda County, California,

Friend - Vice-Manager of the United States
mint at Philadelphia.

I have your note, the only one I have mostly
of note, good quality, I want to
know if you will take them.
Please send me an answer soon.

Yours Respectfully
Michael Woolpert

Office of the Washington Gas Light Company.

Washington City. June 9th 1856

Dear Sir

I have had sent to me a parcel
of Iridium from California, and have been
directed to enquire of you when I can make
sale of it. In the Bill Lading it is called
Platinum, but I consider it to be nothing else
but Iridium.

If you will take the trouble to write
me in reply, you will much oblige

Yours respectfully
P. C. Darr

Superintendent

U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

Pa

There is about 300 cts.

12 June

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Dear Sir,

Your favor of the 9th inst has
been received. In reply I have to state that
I am unable today when you can dispose of
your iridium. I may remark however, that it
is used in the making of gold pens, and it
is probable that you can find purchasers for the
article in question among the manufacturers of
the same.

I am, very respectfully,

Yours Resp. Servant,
Wm. H. S. May

P. S. Butley,
officer of the Washington Lighthouse,
Washington City.

June 7th 6.

Sir,

The Coinage Change of the half of one per cent,
authorized by the 8th Section of the act of Feb. 21. 1853, amounts,
for the year 1855, to the sum of \$53,028.72. I have,
pursuant to the Law, issued my warrant to the Treasurer
of the Mint requiring the above sum to be transferred
into the Treasury of the United States. I enclose herewith
the receipts of the Assistant Treasurer U.S. to show that
the transfer has been made.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
your faithful servant,

James R. Snowden
Director U.S. Mint.

Wm. Clayton Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

No. 171 & 1415.22 B King & J. R. Hunt
paid 30 Jan '56 to S. S. Williams (Amble) June 6th '56
Treas. of U. S. Mint

Superintendent June 2/58

Sir,

In the fall of 1854
John King of Australia forwarded
through Adams & Co's Office, 72 ounces
of Gold to be deposited at the
U. S. Mint at Philadelphia, subject
to the order of his brother, Lawrence
King, since deceased. Now, as the
Court of Seneca Co., Ohio, has made
me receiver of said Money,
I hereby request that you
have the Money forwarded to
me by express. I enclose a
letter from said John King in
reference to the disposition of
the said Gold deposited in
the Phil. Mint. You have been
written to on this subject already
by Mr. J. B. Gibson Esq of this place.

Yours Respectfully
Jerome King

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, 6, June 1856.

Sir,

I enclose a report from the Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office N. Y. exhibiting the results of the usual monthly examination at that institution on the 31st Inst.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant

Amos D. Smith

Hon. James Guthrie,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

United States Assay Office
New York, 5 June, 1856.

Sir,

I transmit enclosed my report
to the Department of the monthly exam-
ination, made on the 31st ult., of the funds
of the Treasurer of this Office.

Very respectfully,

Yours obt. servt.,

Sam. F. Putnam

Sap

Hon. James Ross Anderson, }
Director of the Mint. }

Treasury of the United States,

June 5, 1856.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive Treasury Draft
payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying
receipt, and return it to this office by the first mail; and cause the
draft to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

S. CASEY,

Treasurer of the United States.

Wm Sturgeon Esq.

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft or in the endorsement that assigns it to him, taking care to annex his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of the substitution, except in the case of president and cashier of a bank or other institution.

June 4th 62

Sir,

As the Treasurer of the Court has desired
leave of absence for a few weeks from today to
visit his parents residence in Fayette County, I
have, with his consent, and pursuant to the
4th section of the general court law, appointed
Mr. Robert Patterson (Treasurer's clerk) to
act in the place of the Treasurer during
his absence.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
your faithful servant,

James R. Richardson
Deputy U.S. Marshal

Hon. James S. Blair
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, June 4th 1856.

Dear Sir,
As the Treasurer of the
mint, W. Sturgeon, has desired leave
of absence for a few weeks from
to-day, I have, with his consent,
and pursuant to the 4th section of
the general mint law, appointed
you to act in the place of the
Treasurer during his absence.

I am, very respectfully,
Dear Sir, yours

Samuel R. Anderson
Director U.S. Mint

Robert Patterson Esq.
U.S. Mint.

Laurelton June 2. 1836.

David Thompson Esq.

Treas. of U.S. Mint.

Sir.

Will enclose
bill of 30 days planches
shipped for Sch. S. L. Bunting
which we hope will be
received in good time

We shall make
another shipment, before
long -

Yours

Wm. B. B. B.

Crocker & Co. B. B.

Treasury Department,
Comptroller's Office.
June 3rd 1856.

Daniel Sturgeon Esq,
Treasurer U. S. Mint, Philadelphia, Penn.

Sir,

Your account of Gold and
Silver Bullion for the Quarter ending March 31st 1856,
has been adjusted at the Treasury, and the follow-
ing found to be the balance in the Mint at that
date, viz:

Gold Bullion Ozs	125,484.997	\$2390470.33
Silver do	953,155.030	1109,137.46
Gold Coins		355,316.67
Silver do		573,357.16
		<u>\$4,428,255.92</u>

Most Sincerely
Yours

All right

Charles Whitting
Comptroller.

San Francisco June 2nd 1851
California A. S. Branch Mint D.

To James W. Brown
To making 300 Gold coins circulating on the 21st of May 1851
Received Payment of James W. Brown

St Louis May 1st 1856

To the Honorable the President of Board
of Directors of the United States Mint at
Philadelphia, Pa.

Sir

Five Weeks ago I wrote a letter to your
Honor about a certain amount of Gold
Dust, deposited at your Mint, by a
certain Ernst Ottenkop, my partner in
business; said deposit, composed of upwards
of 200 ounces, was made on the 1st day
of June 1855 in my presence. Immediately
after this, Ottenkop went to Germany to pay
a visit to his friends and relations, and
was to be back to this country 8 months
afterwards; as far as I learned and
understood, he took passage to return to
America, but died on sea and consequently
did not reach the American shores any
more. I can, if necessary, prove, before any
Magistrate that Ottenkop has no relations
whatever in America; further, can I prove
by affidavit, that I was Ottenkop's partner and
our co-partnership has never been dissolved.

WJ

At any rate, I pray your Honor, to give
all informations about Otenkop's deposit
at the Mint and about everything having
relation to Otenkop's business and accounts
with the United States Mint of Philadelphia.

Should you think my presence necessary,
please have the kindness to inform me of
the same, and I will then provide
myself with all needful Documents in
order to prove my Identity and my Claims on
and to Otenkop's Estate.

Not having as yet received any answer
to the letter I took the liberty to write you
five weeks ago, I pray you now most
earnestly to favor me this time with One
in Conformity with my wish, namely
to let me kindly know, as aforesaid, all
about Otenkop's Affairs with the U. S. Mint.

In the hope and expectation of
a prompt answer, and in the mean
time I remain

Respectfully yours,
Francis Hanson

Please address:
Francis Hanson, Cooper,
St Louis
Missouri.

7th June 6.

Sir

In reply to your communication of the 1st inst.
I have to state that the deposit made by Mr. Oldenkop,
on the 1st June 1853, amounting to £3,501.84, is still
undrawn, and is due to his legal representatives. I have
had notice of his decease, and letters of Administration
on his estate have been granted in this County to Frederick
Hoyer, at the request of his relatives in Germany, and
the Administrator has demanded payment of the
deposit. This has not yet been made, but unless
evidence of adverse ownership is presented, payment
will not be refused. If you have any claims against
Mr. Oldenkop's estate it will, therefore, be proper for
you to present them.

We have no papers of Mr. Oldenkop other
than his Bank receipts.

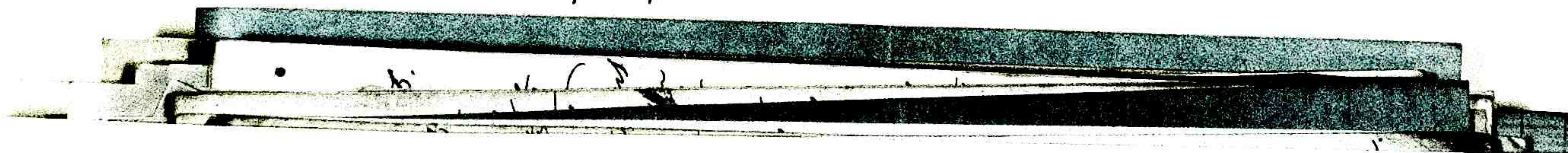
Very respectfully,

James Rop Throuden

Director of the Bank

Charles Mansour
St. Louis, Mo.

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1856/JULY



Statement of Business at the United States Assay Office at
New York, for the month ending July 31, 1856

DEPOSITS OF GOLD:

	Dollars.	Cts.	Dollars.	Cts.
Foreign Coins,	1,994	74		
Foreign Bullion,	30,007	26		
United States Coins, (Old Standard,)				
United States Bullion (including \$224,000 Cal. Mt. Bars)	1,236,050	52		
			1,268,052	52

DEPOSITS OF SILVER:

Foreign Coins,	3,462	44
Foreign Bullion,	8,736	18
United States Bullion, (contained in Gold,)	10,042	49
		22,241.11

TOTAL DEPOSITS: Payable in Bars,

" " " Coins,

1,253,877	17
36,416	46
1,290,293	63

GOLD BARS STAMPED: No 2104 @ 2584

1,497,411.71

United States Assay Office.

New York, July 31, 1856

United States Mint, Philadelphia
Office of Melted & Refiner

30 July 1886

Dear Sir

I have to report no change in the number of hands since last month, their number & distribution being as follows:

	Foremen	Hands
Deposit Melting	2	3
Silver Melting	1	7
Gold Melting	—	5
Parting	1	5
Sweepwashing		3
Watchmen		2
	<u>4</u>	<u>25</u>
	+ = 29	

The attendance & conduct of men has been generally good. I regret to complain of the boyish tendency of some men to "play" practical jokes" on each other, which have more than once resulted in quarrels, & are in danger of resulting seriously, if not stopped. I have formerly forbidden this, but its recent revival induces me to urge the issue of an Edict absolutely forbidding such folly, on pain of suspension at the will of the Director. I am aware it is only designed for amusement, but we all know that such things have resulted in serious disturbances & even more. I therefore respectfully urge the above course to put a stop to ^{the} evil before it reaches the culminating point.

Since it will require several weeks to close my accounts, I have in pursuance of your permission allowed the men to be absent from their posts for a time, retaining as many as are necessary to collect the residues for closing a/cts., & to continue the necessary business of the Mint in the mean time. I trust that such an arrangement will prevent the recurrence of sickness from exposure to the heat of our melting rooms, which has afflicted many of my hands every year in the month of August.

Respectfully yours
J. C. Booth
M & R

Hon. J. R. Snowden
Director U. S. Mint

J. Ross Snowden, Esq.
Director of U. S. Mint.
Dear Sir:

Chief Coiner Office,
U. S. Mint,
Philad^a July 31. 1856.

The duties for the present month
in the Rolling, Cutting, Whitening & Coining Rooms have
been performed by the operatives with their usual punctuality
and dispatch.

I beg leave to call your attention
to the cases of Miss Patterson & Miss Elsgood in the
Adjusting Room. Miss Patterson has been sick and absent
from duty since February last, and there seems to be
no hope of her being able to resume her duties in the
Mint again. Miss Elsgood has been sick and absent
from the Room since May last. Her disease is nervous
fever, said to have been contracted by working in too
close and confined a room. An enquiry I learned that
it was considered very doubtful whether or not she would
be able to resume her place in the Mint.

There appears to be a disposition
on the part of some of the Operatives, in the various de-
partments under my care, not to avail themselves of
the opportunity of taking a recess during the warm
season; but to obtain leave of absence in September or
October. It may so ~~the~~ occur that their service would
be required at that time & the ^{Coining} business of the mint might
be affected thereby. A special order from you in the subject
would have the proper effect. All of which is respectfully
submitted by

Very truly,
J. Ross Snowden
Chief Coiner of U. S. Mint

Minist of the United States
Philadelphia July 30, 1856.
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Dear Sir,
In your report for the
present month I notice the following
remarks "There appears to be no
disposition on the part of some of the
operatives in the various departments
under my care not to avail themselves
of the opportunity of taking a leave
during the warm season, but to defer
leave of absence in September or
October."

Leave of absence can only be
granted when it suits the business of
the Mint to permit it. During the
present warm weather, and the partial
disruption of ~~operations necessary~~ ^{operations necessary} to make
a settlement of the accounts of the
departments of the United States, leave

of absence for a considerable period
will be granted, but in September
or October the public
service may require
the constant attendance
of all the employees
of your department
Yours truly
J. M. Smith

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

July 30 1856

Sir I am in receipt of your letter
of the 24th inst, enclosing assay mem.
of Silver bullion transmitted on the 25th.
inst.

Also of Silver Coins, by the Adams
Express Co, in payment of the same, &
your ac is credited with the amount of
\$ 11,928.89

Very Resp^t
Yours &c. &c.

Saml. Stinson Esq
Treas. U. S. Mint

Wm. J. Ellis
Treasurer

Treasury Department
First Auditor's Office
July 30th 1856

Wm. Danl. Sturgeon
Treasurer of Illinois
Philadelphia

Sir:

I have this day received your
Bullion and 2nd Quarter 1856.

Very Respectfully
your obedient

J. L. Smith
Auditor

Treasury Dept.
July 29th 1856.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst. stating that you had ordered the Spirit level and drawing instruments, used by the Sup't of Repairs, to be carefully boxed and would send it to the Dept per "Adams' Express", and to state, that they have not been received. Inquiry has been made at the Express Office here, but nothing is known of their whereabouts.

I have to request that you procure from the Express Co: a receipt for the delivery of the box by you, and send it to this Department.

Very respectfully
Yours obt. S't.

James Buchanan
Secy of the Treas'y.

Samy Rob Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint,
Phil^{as}, Penn^{as}.

30th July

Sir,

I have to acknowledge your favor of the 29th inst. and to state in reply that the spirit level and drawing instruments referred to, were carefully boxed on the 12th inst. and directions given for their transmission to you per Express, but it appears that the boxes containing the same were accidentally overlooked by the person having charge of them. They have this day been sent to you per Adams Express Co., whose receipt for the same is enclosed herewith.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,
Yours faithfully,
James Buchanan.

Enc. 10/10/54

Wm. James Buchanan,
Sec. of the Treas. U.S.,
Washington, D.C.

and to the detriment of
the department.

The only instance where a
such claim has been allowed
by Congress was in the
case of Rufus Tyler, Comdr
at New Orleans for his service
a Counting board. But
this was hardly an exception
to the rule inasmuch as
it was allowed to the
widow of Mr. Tyler, years
after his decease.

But to show how
very uncertain these claims
are, and the danger of
carrying out the principle
of compensation, I may
state that the inventor
of this very Counting
board is claimed
by Mr. Franklin Pease

and is made a cause
of a new
of demands against
the United States!

~~S. R. U.~~
I beg to refer you to
my letter to the Secretary of the
Treasury dated July 29, 1856
in which my views on this
subject (Mr. Pease's claim)
are very fully considered.

S. R. U.

P.S.

I regret that I cannot
take a more favorable view
of the Patent Claim. This in-
strument is a very valuable
one. but I greatly fear the
intervention of the principles
to allow officers to experiment
with the public conveniences
and materials, and in case
of success to ask compensation,
but in case of failure the
pat. to leave the Govt. with
greater prejudice to the public
interests, and have a demor-
alizing tendency. It offers
a premium to them to
pursue their own inventions.
And it may be at the
expense of other apparatus

U. S. Assay Office,
New York. July 29. 1856.

Dear Sir,

Our supply of Abstracts of Deposits of Gold Bullion is nearly exhausted. I learn from Mr. H. Evans who printed 2 Reams for the U. S. Mint in 1854, at a cost of \$70., that the charge for printing & ruling (including paper) of 50 sheets, the quantity we desire to have at present, will be \$20. The disproportion in price is so very great, that it has occurred to me to ask if you can favor me with this quantity for which I will be glad to pay the Mint price, - or if your stock is exhausted, whether it will be agreeable to you to order a new supply for the Mine Institutions, for which payment may be made by each according to the quantity they receive.

As it is exceedingly important to have the ruling of these abstracts done with the utmost precision, as you are aware, I presume this will be the most readily secured by employing the same printer.

Hon. Jas. R. Crocker
Director
U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Very resptly. Your Obedt. Serv^t
J. J. C. Carey

30th July, 6.

Dear Sir,

In compliance with the
request contained in your favor of
yesterday I have this day sent you
for it and Express 60.00 Shuts of it
of Deposits of Local Bullion, and enclose
me with receipt and bill of the Treasurer
of the Mint for the same.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. Servt.

James R. Edwards.

Treasurer U.S. Mint.

John J. Cook, Esq.
Treasurer U.S. Mint
N.Y.

Philada June 28th 1856

I propose supplying the Lamp & Broken Lamps of
a prime Article of Anthracite Coal mined at Samaga
at \$4.80 per ton of 2240. - Delivered as desired
at the U. S. Mint, Chestnut St. Philadelphia

Respectfully submitted by
Charles Fernberg
18th N. 3rd Street Ave.

Philad^a June 28th 1836
J A Snowden Esq
Director of Mint - United States
Sir

Having seen an advertisement in the
Penns of June 21st inviting proposals for Coal
with the Liberty of offering to furnish such quantities
of Lump and Steam Ship Coal as you may require
from time to time until June 30 1837 at the price
of \$4⁹³ per Ton of 2240^{lb} deliverable at the Mint
at Philad^a the Coal will be of the best Schip
from the Opening of S & Carter at Greenwood
the Coal can be seen at our Yard or will
be sent to the Mint for trial
Yours Respectfully
J A Snowden

Primo & below &c

Philada June 28th 1856

I propose to supply the United States Mint
with the best quality anthracite Schuylkill Coal from S & R.
Carters Greenwood Run, Schuylkill entirely free from slate
bone or other foreign substance at the rate of Five ²⁵/₁₀₀
Dollars per ton of 2240 lbs

Thos. N. Town
Coal Dealer

S. E. corner Broad & Fitzwater Sts -

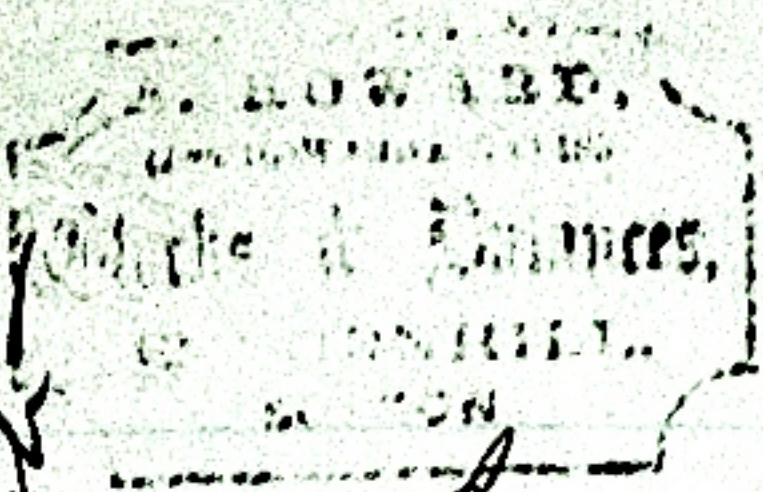
July 28 6.

Dear Sir,

I have received the receipt
from your office of the 28th inst.

You can send your own
American to the line of sailing
at the mint. I let out a
boat. I am going for Cape
May, to spend a week on the
sea shore. But I am about
when you come to the mint. Please
inquire for Dr. Lindemann, my
principal clerk, who will attend
to the business for me. I hope
to know when you call that I
will have the pleasure of
seeing you, as I will occasionally
run up from Cape May. What
my family will accompany me
to the mint. Truly & respectfully
Yours
Wm. H. Williams. James A. Williams.

July 30 1886. I agree with my estimate of the accuracy of the plan.



Boston July 28. 1886
James Ross Snowden Esq

Director of the Mint
Washington

By the enclosed

proofsheet of Coin Table you will see that we have availed ourselves of your valuable suggestion with regard to oz & decimals & our Coin weight will hereafter be stamped in accordance. We shall be glad to promote, by all our means in our power, the simple and beautiful Decimal Division in place of the irregular division of weight and we hope that soon our Measures, Dry & Wet, will be subdivided on the same plan. Your approval of the Table enclosed, which we intend giving a large circulation, will add much to its authority - asking which as a favor I am
Yours truly W. D. Coward & M. M.

Philadelphia July 28th 1856

Hon. J. P. Snowden

Director of the U. S. Mint
Dear Sir

Allow me to call your attention to the present condition of the iron shutters and frames upon the U. S. Mint building. For the want of a sufficiency of paint, the frames and shutters have become rusted to such a degree that they scale, the mouldings of the shutters because of Exposure have become springing, and admit water and consequently rust to a considerable degree, this can be remedied by the application of putty. This state of things is not only confined to the shutters and frames but extends to the entire Exterior of the building so far as the iron work is concerned.

While upon this subject I will also call your attention to the condition of the roof, the acid arising from the separating room will soon oxidize and destroy the roof in a great measure if it is not secured by the application of oxide of zinc, or some other substance.

These things in my opinion should be attended to as soon as possible

Respectfully Y. Old Serv.
Wm. Dargatz

Sir I will furnish and
deliver at the U.S. Mint City
of Philadelphia what wood
and coal that may be required
as per your advertisement at
the following rates

Wood per cord \$ 7.50
Coal " Ton 5.00

Yours Truly
James Ross Snowden Esq
Director U.S. Mint & Geo. Ellis
Hilbert & Co.

June 27 - 1855.

No. 69.

Forty two Fine Silver Bars transmitted to the
U. S. Mint, in pursuance of the Act of March 1855, by John
S. Cisco, Treasurer of the U. S. Assay Office, New York.

^{1856.} July. 1 Package & Four Boxes \$15 @ 19 : containing

No. 45.	8 Bars weigh.	1598.15 @ 998 1/2 f.	ounces dec.
" 46.	8 " "	1755.66 " "	
" 53.	10 " "	2083.95 " "	ounces dec.
		<u>103290</u>	5437.76

No. 48.	8 Bars weigh.	1684.35 @ 998 f	
" 49.	8 " "	1655.37 " "	3339.72

42 Bars weighing	<u>8,777.48</u>
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8777.48
27
8777.25

Stand. weight, 9,736.27
Gross Value \$11,329.48

9736.27 Stand. w. @ \$1.22 1/2 p. oz. = \$11,926.93: payable in Silver coins.

Philadelphia July 21st 1856

J Ross Snowden Esq.

Director, U.S. Mint.

Philadelphia.

Dr Sir,

We propose to supply to the U.S.
Mint Lehigh Coal of a size to suit, 1000 or 1200 tons of
2240 lbs, commencing July 1st 1856 and continuing till
April 1st 1857. at Five Dollars and thirty seven $\frac{1}{2}$ cents
per ton,

Yours Truly,
J Hayes Smith

Treasury Department
July 26. 1856.

Sir

In reply to your communication of yesterday in relation to the payment of salaries at the close of this month to the workmen of the Mint, I have to say that the Department is of the opinion that it would not be proper to make use of either of the funds mentioned by you for the payment of those wages since that the appropriation for the last fiscal year having been exhausted there would seem to be, however great the inconvenience & hardships suffered by the creditors of the Government, no resource but to await the action of Congress.

I am very Resp^t

Wm Patterson

Sec of the Treasury

J. P. Snowden
Director of the Mint
Philad^a

Minist of the United States
Philad: 25 July 1856

Sir,

At the close of the present month the wages of our workmen, salaries &c. will fall due, and we have no means at present in the Ordinary Fund adequate to the payment. As much hardship will result from the failure to meet this indebtedness, I have respectfully to ask your opinion whether it is proper to transfer to the Ordinary Fund the money, or a part thereof, accumulated in the Treasurers hands from the half per cent coinage charge, or from the profits on the silver coinage. By the 3rd & 6th sections of the Act of Feb. 21, 1853, these moneys must be from time to time transferred to the Treasury of the United States; but none of the accumulations of the present year have been as yet transferred, and it has occurred to me that we may avail ourselves of them, temporarily, for the payment of Ordinary Expenses: the amount used to be refunded immediately on the passage of the Appropriation Bill. I would be pleased to learn, as soon as possible, whether this course would meet your approbation.

I have the honor to be

Yours faithfully
Wm. Guthrie
Secy of the Treasury

with great respect y^r o^r d^r
James R. Bowdler.

Also 1856

No 40 Walnut St Phila
June 25th 1856.

James Ross Snowden Esq
Director U.S. Mint Phila.

Dear Sir, We herewith hand you
a proposal for supplying your institution
with Coal for one year - with the Buck
Mountain Coal Mined by us.

That this Coal is a very superior article
there is no doubt. but that you may
have the opinion of others beside ourselves
I herewith hand you two certificates
one of Mr Longstrech Presd of the P. & M. R.R.
who purchases 10,000 tons of us per year
and also one from Maj Hayner U.S.
Arsenal - Frankford - who uses no other
kind - He has tried all kinds mined.
And pronounces three tons of this Coal
equal to four of any other kind.

Should you be pleased to award
us the Contract we are satisfied that
we can render you entire satisfaction

Very Respectfully Yours Obedt Servt
Sharpe Securing the
J. B. Newton Atty

P.S. Please return us the
inclosed certificates & bills

Office Sharpe, Seisemring & Co
No. 40 Walnut St Phil^a
June 25th 1856

The undersigned propose to deliver at
the Mint of the United States Phil^a in
such quantities, and at such times as
directed, the amount of Coal required
there between July 1st 1856 and June 30th
1857 inclusive, The Best Buck Mountain
Lehigh Coal, at the following price per
ton of 2240 lbs. viz

Bump
Steamboat
Broken
Egg
Stone

} \$5.¹⁵/₁₀₀ per ton of 2240 lbs.

To James Ross Snowden Esq
Director Mint U.S.

Sharpe, Seisemring & Co
per G. B. Newton Atty

Gentleman
 I should be glad to furnish
 you with the quantity of coal you
 wish for the winter and will give
 you the Black Heath Coal 2240 lbs. to the
 ton at \$4.50 in such quantities and
 such times as you may wish,
 Hoping this low price with the
 quality of my coal will induce
 you to give me the contract I
 desire.
 Yours Truly
 John D. W. 1850

BLACK HEATH



COAL.

PETERS & CO.,

BLACK HEATH COAL COMPANY,

Would inform their patrons that they are prepared to supply all orders
 promptly with the above CELEBRATED COAL, guaranteeing 2240 Lbs.
 to the Ton—not 2000 lbs. as is the professed weight, retail dealers sell.
 By this you get 240 lbs. in each ton more in weight, also, at 25 cts. less in
 price, and what is more, you procure the BEST COAL MINED, free from
 State and all other impurities.

Hoping before you purchase your supply for the coming season, you
 will call and examine our stock.

Yards, Broad & Vine, entrance on both Streets.
 All Orders through Despatch to Yards, or left at No. 12 SUMMER ST.
 will meet prompt attention.

REMEMBER THE YARDS BROAD & VINE STS.
 Sign 2240 Lbs. in a Ton, same weight sold as bought.

PETERS & CO.,

BLACK HEATH COAL COMPANY.

James H. Bryson, printer, No. 3 North Sixth St.

BLACK HEATH



COAL

PETERS & CO.,

BLACK HEATH COAL COMPANY,

Would inform their patrons that they are prepared to supply all orders promptly with the above **CELEBRATED COAL**, guaranteeing **2240 Lbs. to the Ton**—not 2000 lbs. as is the pretended weight, retail dealers will be that you get 240 lbs. in each ton more in weight, also, at 25 cts. less in price, and what is more, you procure the **BEST COAL BURNED**, from some State and all other particulars.

Having before you purchase your supply for the coming season, you will call and examine our stock.

Yards, Broad & Vine, entrance on both Streets.

or A. J. orders through Dispatch to Yards or left at No. 12 BOWEN ST. will meet prompt attention.

REMEMBER THE YARDS BROAD & VINE STS.
Sign 2240 Lbs. in a Ton, same weight sold as 2000 lbs.

PETERS & CO.,

BLACK HEATH COAL COMPANY

James H. Bryant, printer, No. 1 North Main St.

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

July 25. 1856

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 24th containing Assay Memo. of Silver transmitted on the 21st by The Adams Express Co. of Silver Coins amounting to \$33,496.⁰⁰ with which your Ac has been duly credited.

As per receipt and statement enclosed, I have this day forwarded four boxes & one parcel containing 42 silver bars, weighing gross 8,777.48 Ozs. Value @ \$1.22½ & fu @ 11,926.93 in payment of which, please find \$4,000. in half dollars + 5,926.93 in Quarters.

Very Resp^{ly}
Yours Wt. Sct.

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treas^r U.S. Mint

J. H. J. Ellis
Treasurer

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 19... Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Box containing
Four " " 78.777.48 Ozs. Gold Bullion,
One Parcel " } Silver "

Amounting in Net value to \$11,926.93
Eleven Thousand and nine hundred and
Twenty Six 93/100 dollars
which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, July 25 1851,

For Adams Express Co. *[Signature]*

July 22 6.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter
of yesterday.

The offer to give \$66.4
for 100 lbs for the same amount
is accepted.

As requested I will cause
the barrels to be weighed, and
ready for transportation.

Very Respectfully
Yours &c. &c. &c.

James R. Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Messrs R. Longman & Sons,
Brooklyn
New-York.

March 24th July 23rd 1856
Dr H R Linsbrough

My dear friend

Your favor of 17th

I had most duly received the Gentlemen's
name to whom refer was Gordon the
lives I think at Effrata in Lancashire county.
There were two Brothers one is now dead
and if my recollection serves me was
dead previous to the occurrence you
mention. The first name of one
of them was B B Gordon whether
it is B B that is dead or the other whose
name I do not know I am not certain
any one in Lancaster city however
knows and will send you the
desired information. James L Reynolds
Esq of Lancaster would give the desired
information; I ~~never~~ knew them both
and two more high minded honorable
Gentlemen never lived. Wishing you
health prosperity and happiness and hoping
to hear from you often I remain as
ever your friend
J B Schooner

Salisbury July 23 '56.

Dan. Sturges Esq.

Treas. U.S. Mint.

Sir -

We have
received your favor of the
21st inst. enclosing draft
on New York, for \$2239⁴⁴/₁₀₀.
balance due on an inv.
of 30 Keps planchets -

Yours Very Resp^{ly}.

Crocker Pres. &c.

Post office Richmond Va
July 21st 1846

Dr. Sir.

Be pleased to find Enclosed
Farmers' Bank of Va No. 520 on
Bank of No America Philad } \$100

For which be pleased to send as
before a Cask of Copper for same amt for
the use of this office,

Very Resp^{ly}
Wm B. Bequaert
Jr

R M Patterson Esq
Director
Philad^a,

THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO., 116 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO.'S
GREAT
Eastern, Western & Southern Express.



Received of Philadelphia, Pa. Dec 1856
J. R. Snowden Esq.
Inspector and said to contain Chief of the U.S.

MARKED One Package (Containing Six)
Henry A. Sizer Esq. Secy
Connecticut State Agricultural Society
Hartford Connecticut

To be forwarded as addressed: THE EXPRESS COMPANY not to be held responsible for any loss or damage arising from fire, railroad accidents, ocean or river navigation, etc., UNLESS SPECIALLY INSURED BY THEM, AND SO SPECIFIED IN THIS RECEIPT.

Freight, _____

Insurance, _____

FOR THE PROPRIETORS,

Geo. A. Deane

CRAIG, PRINTER, 116 CHESTNUT ST., OVER THE EXPRESS OFFICE.

No. 68.

One hundred & fifty two Fine Silver
(Bars transmitted) to the U.S. Mint, in pursuance
of the Act of March 1855, by John F. Cisco,
Treasurer of the U.S. Assay Office, New York.
1856.

July 21. Forwarded Boxes # 1 @ 14.

		ounces, dec.	
No. 29. 10 bars	weigh	8.2143.12	
" 30. 10 "	"	<u>2079.48</u>	= 4222.60 gp @ 997 1/2 F
" 52. 17 "	"	<u>2400.27</u>	
" 54. 20 "	"	<u>2553.30</u>	= 4953.57 = 998 F
" 28. 10 "	"	<u>1999.60</u>	12741
" 34. 10 "	"	<u>2035.93</u>	
" 35. 10 "	"	<u>2601.80</u>	
" 47. 18 "	"	<u>2043.08</u>	
" 50. 18 "	"	<u>2221.25</u>	
" 51. 17 "	"	<u>2537.57</u>	= 13439.23 = 998 1/2 F
" 31. 10 "	"	<u>2176.87</u>	= 999 F
		<u>24792.27</u>	stand. ounces = 27,499.41
Gross Value			\$ 31,999.31

27,499.41 stand. gp. @ \$1.22 1/2 = \$33,686.78 payable in silver coins

U. S. Assay Office, New-York,

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

July 21. 1856

Sir

As per Statement and Receipt enclosed, I have this day forwarded by the Adams Express Co. fourteen boxes containing 152 fine Silver bars. Weighing gross 24.792.27 Ozs. of the net value of \$33,686.78 @ \$1.22½ per Oz. for which I will thank you to remit in payment, as follows.

Half dollars \$10,000.

Quarter " 10,000.

Dimes 9,000.

\$4,686 Half " 4,686.78 = \$33,686.78

As the bags used in packing are of no value you will please not return them.

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

Daniel Strong & Co
Trans. U.S. Mint

J. M. J. Allen
Treasurer

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 18. Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Mint Office, New York.

Box containing Gold Bullion,
Trenton " " 24,792.27 Ozs Silver "
Parcel "

Amounting in Note value to \$ 33,186.78
Thirty three thousand, six hundred
Eighty six 78/100 dollars
which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cards for One Thousand Dollars.

New York, July 21 1856.
For Adams Express Co. [Signature]

Wicks River July 21. 1856

Dear Sir

I have in my possession a small amount of old specie (silver) perhaps \$75. which is the property of a young sewing girl of this place who running the value of she has been saving up & now wants to dispose of it - at the best percentage she can & to deposit the amount in one of the Savings Banks. I suppose the whole pecuniary she will realize will not be over 3.00⁰⁰. I write to you mainly to ask if I can send that amount to you by Express & get a certificate for her. It was my intention to have asked you the question last week when we were at the Lake House upon that celebrated fishing exhibition. But the matter was forgotten.

Yours respectfully
Wm. H. Butler

New York Jan 19. 1856
Dear Mr. Rogers,
United States Mint,
Esteemed Friend

At the request of our mutual friends
Crocker & Co we write to say, that we have
been for a long time without any cents with which
to supply the orders which we are constantly
receiving. — We have now orders on hand
for a very considerable quantity, & do not doubt
but that so they would go off immediately & hope
that they will be able to soon give us a supply
& should be glad to know by return mail how
soon we may expect some.

We have recently had a conver-
sation with several bank officers in relation to
the practicability of getting along without the use
of copper coin — they are unanimously of opinion
they cannot be dispensed with in this section
of the country. —

Truly
Yours
J. M. Willets & Co

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
July 19th. 1856.

Daniel Sturgess Esq.
Treasurer of the Mint.
Philadelphia, Penn.
Sir,

Your accounts of Ordinary
Expenses, for the months of May and June 1856, have
been adjusted at the Treasury, and a balance
found due from you to the United States
of \$1,165.80,
which agree with your statements.

Most Sincerely
Yours
Elisha Whittelsey
Comptroller.

Watbury July 17th 1886

Sup't. U. States Mint
Philadelphia Penn.

D. Sir

And by return of Express
to Amos A. Dyer Esq. Secy
Conn. State Agricultural
Society, Hartford Conn.
The two Dirs. from which
you struck the Gold & Silver
Medals ordered by us some
Months since & oblige

Sent by Adams Ex. Co. Yours Truly

July 21/86 upon receipt of
P. by forwarding
the above instantly
You will much oblige
Wm. S. Foster

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
July 18th 1856.

Daniel Sturgeon Esq.
Treasurer of the Mint.
Philadelphia. Penn^a.
Sir.

Your accounts of Copper
Coinage for the months of May and June 1856.
have been adjusted at the Treasury Department,
and a balance found due from you to the
United States of . . . \$386.09.

Most Sincerely
Yours
Albion Whiting
Comptroller.

Department of the Interior
July 17. 1856.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of
your letter of yesterday enclosing Certificate of
deposit for \$3,350, the amount of the Coupons
enclosed to you for collection on the 14th inst.

Very Respectfully,

Your Obedt. Servt.

Wm. C. Cullum
Secretary

J. Ross Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

SPRING GARDEN POTTERY, 552 CALLOWHILL, NEAR BROAD STREET.

Philadelphia, June 18th 1851

The U. S. Branch Mint San Francisco Cal.

Bought of ABM. MILLER,

Manufacturer of Portable, Dentist and Culinary Furnaces, Stove Cylinders, Fire Bricks and Slabs, Tile for Gas Works, first quality Black Glazed Tea Pots, common Earthenware, superior do. viz.—White, Yellow and Rockingham Ware, Dentists' Muffles and Slides, Wedgwood Mortars, Jars, Funnels, Tile and Patch Boxes for Druggists and Perfumers, Kaolins and Clays, crude and prepared, Silex and Felspar, crude or levigated to an impalpable powder, and free from impurities, kept constantly on hand. Also Gas Pipes, Chimney Caps, various forms, Stove Pipe Casings, Portable Chimneys, Crucibles, Sugar Moulds and Drips, made promptly to order, in any quantity.

<i>500 Brick 8 1/2 in to order</i>	<i>\$ 28.84</i>
<i>" 250 " " 2 1/2 in "</i>	<i>58.84</i>
<i>" 300 " " 3 1/2 in "</i>	<i>56.36</i>
<i>" 250 " " 4 1/2 in "</i>	<i>50.72</i>
<i>" 400 " " 5 1/2 in "</i>	<i>28.56</i>
<i>21 boxes of bricks each 100.</i>	<i>18.12</i>
<i><u>Do.</u></i>	<i><u>\$ 183.44</u></i>

*I recd from Mr. J. R. Swenson payment in full
for above Miller.
Geo. Switzer.*

Dec 6/56

Department of the Interior
City of Washington 12th July 1856.

Sir

By mail of today I transmit to you one hundred and thirty four coupons Tennessee 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{1}{2}$ oil bonds, amounting to \$3,350, as per abstract enclosed to you with my letter of 2 July 1855.

Please collect the same, and deposit the amount thereof for me to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States as interest on stocks held in trust by this Department for the benefit of the Indians.

Very Respectfully
Your O^bt servant
W. W. Leellen
Secretary

J. Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pennsylvania.

Coupons enclosed in registered
packet 29111
W. W. L.

16th July 6

Sir,

I have received your favor of the 14th inst and also, the one hundred and thirty four coupons herein referred to which have been collected and the proceeds thereof (\$10,000) deposited in the Office of the Asst. Treasurer of the U.S. at Philadelphia, to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, as per enclosed receipt therefor.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servant,

H. R. Linderman
for Director U.S. Mint

Hon. R. M. McLellan,
Sec. of the Interior,
Washington City.

2 July 1856

I have received from the
Treasurer of the United States
the sum of \$10,000 (ten thousand
dollars) on account of the
interest on the bonds of the
United States, for which
I have signed the duplicate receipts.

OFFICE of the ASSISTANT TREASURER of the UNITED STATES

Philadelphia, July 16 1856

I Certify That R. M. Wallcut Secy of the Interior for the

has this day deposited to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States,

Thirty three hundred & fifty 100 Dollars

on account of interest on Stocks held in trust

for the benefit of the Indians for which

I have signed the duplicate receipts.

Dea. M. W. Wallcut

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

\$3350

From &c

Hon Robt Leland

Sec. American

Wharney Co

134 Coupons transmitted
& collected

July 16. 1856.

The Cashier of the Bank
of North America will
please pay the amount
of the within named
coupons to the bearer
Jacob Plucker Mink Mes-
senger, & oblige

James Rose Snowden
Director W & M

Per H. R. Linsman
Director W & M

Amount \$3,350

16th July 1856

United States Mining Co. for San Francisco Cal.
 Port Muzzey & Muzzey

1855
 October 22nd Box no 1 100 lbs Mint Mattaus @ 2 12-

1856
 March 15 Box no 1 6 " do do 12-

May 16 Box no 1 6 " do do 12-

June 28 Box no 1 150 = Ice Flasks & pattern @ 25 37.50

July 14 " no 1 200
 " no 2 119 - 319 do do do " 79.75
 153.25

Thurs September 29 1856

Rec^d of James R. Snowden Esq. ^{Director}
 Sept 29/56 one hundred & Fifty three 25 for dues in full
 for above bills
 153.25

Muzzey & Muzzey

PHILADELPHIA. May 16th 1856

The United States Mint for San Francisco
Sole Agents for
The New England Glass Company.
The Boston and Sandwich Glass Company.
Maurice, Stationer, Philada.
Bought of MUZZY & MUNROE,
Wholesale Glass Dealers, No. 19 Commerce Street.

*Plat # 6 doz H₃ Mint Matras @ \$2.12
Sept 29/56 Recd of Asst. Commr. Exy Dir.
for New York Expy Dir. Payment of above
from Boston. Muzzy & Munroe*

PHILADELPHIA. June 28th 1856

The U.S. Mint California
Sole Agents for
The New England Glass Company.
The Boston and Sandwich Glass Company.
Maurice, Stationer, Philada.
Bought of MUZZEY & MUNROE,
Wholesale Glass Dealers, No. 19 Commerce Street.

*Plat # 1 150 - Mint Matras
(In Flasks) @ 25¢/3750
Sept 29/56 Recd of Asst. Commr. Exy Dir.
Payment of above bill
Muzzy & Munroe*

PHILADELPHIA. July 14th 1856

The United States Mint for California
Sole Agents for
The New England Glass Company.
The Boston and Sandwich Glass Company
Maurice, Stationer, Philada.
Bought of MUZZY & MUNROE,
Wholesale Glass Dealers, No. 19 Commerce Street.

*#2 200
3 112 319 In Flasks to pattern @ 25¢/7975
Sept 29/56 Recd of Asst. Commr. Exy Dir.
Payment of above Muzzy & Munroe*

PHILADELPHIA. March 15th 1856

The United States Mint for California
Sole Agents for
The New England Glass Company.
The Boston and Sandwich Glass Company
Maurice, Stationer, Philada.
Bought of MUZZY & MUNROE,
Wholesale Glass Dealers, No. 19 Commerce Street.

*Plat # 1 6 doz H₃ Mint Matras @ \$2.12
Sept 29/56 Recd of Asst. Commr. Exy Dir.
for New York Expy Dir. Payment of above
Muzzy & Munroe*

Laurens July 12, 1886.

Stnd. Johnson Esq.

Treas. U. S. Mint.

Sir -

Enclosed we
have invoice of 19 kegs cast-plates
for the James Neilson.

We should like to have paid
to Messrs. Davenport & Mason, Boston,
at your early convenience; five kegs
cash -

Yours Very Respectfully

Geo. B. P. & Co.

Treasury Department,
July 11th 1856.

Sir

You will please have the Spirit
Level and box of drawing instruments
belonging to the U. S. and now at the
Mint in your city, carefully boxed
and sent to this Dept.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Serv

J. Ross Snowden Esq.,
Director, Mint,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Secretary of the Treasury.

Not signed, but as it came
under the official frank of the
Department it may be regarded
as an official letter.

L. B. S.

July 12th 6.

Sir,

In compliance with a communication
under the frank of the Department last week
I have caused the right bank and drawing
instruments used by the Capt of Rains to be
carefully boxed, and will send it to the
Department for return: by express.

I have the honor to be
with great respects
your faithful servant

James R. H. H. H.
Director of the Mint.

Gen. James, Julia
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington D.C.

Philadelphia July 10 1856
Meritoria States Branches West San Francisco
J. P. Lull

12 Barrels of Shards etc	\$2.45 ea	29.40
12 Barrels wh	87 1/2	10.50
Cooperage		.75
Nails		.06
Portage		1.50

\$42.21

Correct
H. R. Lindeman
Encl. & Blk

Received Payment John P. Lull

Treasury department
First Auditor's office
July 11th 1856

Wm Paul Sturgeson
Treasurer ad. Int.
Philadelphia
Sir:

I have this day received your
Copper Age for the month of June last.

Very Resp^y &c
Your Obedt Serv^t

W. C. Smith
(Auditor)

Asst. B. Schindler & Co. 1856				John C. Parry & Co.	
March 29	To	1 pair small Paint Balls		53.00	
" "	"	Cost paid freight to Phila.		1.73	
July 11	"	1 lot of Balls 440's	30.80		56.73
" "	"	Freight	25.00		
" "	"	Boring up.	3.00		
" "	"	Cost of freight to Phila	1.40		
				<u>60.20</u>	
					116.93

March 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1 pair small Point Bells 53.00

July 11, 1 *Setaria* Male 440' 25" 30.80 56.73

" " " Booby up 3.00

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Pittsburg July 11th 1856

Dear Sir,

I think you will be pleased with this Ball and upon trial
it will prove to be good Ball. I will draw on you
in a few days for one of 9c which you will be good
enough to honour. Thankful for your friendship and
remembering me here and hoping you will always
bear us in mind when you need any thing with
Chas Ball love I remain with respect

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, July 11 1855

Sir,

On the 9th July 1855,
I received a letter from Rev. W. F.
Williams, missionary of your Board,
dated Mosul, May 16; in which
he acknowledged the receipt of
\$200 from me, sent to Dr. Lotbell,
to purchase certain antique coins
for the Mint. His letter reported
progress, and informed me that he
expected to reach this country in
the spring (1856) bringing the coins
with him.

I shall be thankful for any informa-
tion you can render, touching this
matter.

Very truly yours &c.

James M. Gordon Esq.
Treasr. Amer. Board of Boston

Director.

10th July

Sir,

In compliance with the Act of March 4,
1855, c. 97. I present herewith a Quarterly Statement
of the Expenditures of the Mint during the Second
Quarter of 1856.

Statement of the Expenditures of the Mint during the Quarter
ending June 30, 1856.

For Salaries of Officers & Clerks	\$ 6,510.16
Wages of Workmen & Apprentices	21,604.45
Materials and Outlay on Expenses	10,771.61
Total	<u>\$42,886.22</u>

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

James Ross Snowden

Director of the Mint

Hon. James Guthrie,

Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City

Allentown Bank

Allentown Lehigh Corp.

July 10/56

D^r Sturgeon

Sr. J.

I forward you per
express a box containing \$96.³⁸/₁₀₀ for
return. of which I wish a small amt of
whole dolls.

Yours &c

Chas W. Cooper



Office of the Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

New York,

July 9th 1856.

Saml Sturgeon Esq.
Treasurer U. S. Mint.

Sir

I have this day forwarded
by the Adams Express Co. for collection Transfer
draft N^o 2746. on you, in my favor, payable in
silver coins. I will thank you to send in Quarter
dollars \$35.000.- in Half dollars \$8.000.- in Dimes
\$7.000.

Very Respectfully

Your obt^d Servant.

Wm. L. Cullen
Asst. Treas^r.

Lancaster July 9th 56.

David Sturgeon Esq.
Pres. U. S. Mint

Sir.

We have
about 20 keps cut-
planchets, ready to forward
by first opportunity - &
will like to receive
in exchange, as many
cents as you are inclined
to forward to Mr. L. G. V.

There is considerable
demand for the coin, and
we shall like to supply
planchets, receiving cents
for the same, or cash

Sam

Crocker, Bros & Co

Laurens, N.Y.

Recd

Aug 12/86

Admittance, as many times
your convenience -

Yours truly

Geo. W. Crocker

Treas. Mint. Philada

July 7. 1856

Transfer dft. No. 2746 favor Asst Treas. New York for \$50,000-

Phila^a 5th July, 1856.

Col. J. Ross Snowden,
Director U.S. Mint, Phila^a.

Dear Sir,

Upon re-
flection, I have concluded to in-
crease my offer for the Four
Bundles of ^{Wash} Wool, accord-
ingly, I hereby offer Sixty cents
to Mr. Harris subject however to
the condition that a fresh sample
be drawn and assayed by the
Mint; and the result accord
with that already reported.

This modification of my first offer
is made on the principle that the
greater the number of assays, the
less is the risk incurred by the
purchaser.

Please forward your reply to
Mr. W. Garrison, 222 Broadway, New York
I am, Respectfully,
Yours, Wm. H. Garrison.

GREAT EASTERN, WESTERN AND SOUTHERN PACKAGE EXPRESS.

The Adams Express Company, 164 Baltimore-st.

Received of BALTIMORE, July 5th 1856
W. M. Meredith in apparent good order,
to be forwarded to Philada only the under-mentioned articles,
marked as per margin, and subject to the agreement now made and herein expressed, as follows, viz:

It is agreed, and is part of the consideration of this contract, that we are not to be responsible for any loss or damage arising from the dangers of Railroad, Steam or River Navigation, Leakage, Fire, or from any cause whatever, unless the same be proved to have occurred from the fraud or gross negligence of ourselves, our agents, or servants; and we in no event to be liable beyond our Route, as herein receipted. VALUED UNDER FIFTY DOLLARS, unless otherwise herein stated. Perishable Articles of any kind whatsoever, and all articles consisting of, or contained in Glass, are taken at the Shippers' Risk only, the Company refusing to be responsible for injury or damage by breakage or otherwise.

Freight. paid 37 1/2 ct

MARK.	ARTICLE.
<u>Treas. U.S. Mint</u>	<u>One Pol. sack hole</u>
<u>Philada</u>	<u>Valued at two hundred and</u>
	<u>fifty dollars. \$250-</u>
	<u>for the Company. (Signature)</u>

W. M. INNES, Printer, (Adams Express Building,) 164 Baltimore-st.

And.

Falmouth July 3. 1836.

Dear Sir.

Treas. U. S. Mint.

Sir.

I enclose
invoice of 10 kegs carb. pencils
forwarded via H. Tink. & W. Brown.
Yours.

Very Respectfully

Geo. W. P. G. —

New York July 2. 1876.

In the
Superintendent of
the U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia

Sir - I am in want, for shipment,
of Seventeen thousand ten cent pieces -
of Twelve thousand Five cent pieces -
+ of Two thousand Twenty five cent pieces.
equal to, in all \$2800. - Can I be
supplied from the Mint? Be pleased
to advise me & the necessary course
you wish me to pursue, to obtain
them. -

I am Sir

With great respect
Yr. Obedt. Servant.

Robt. Benson Jr.

34 July.

6.

Sir,

In reply to your favor of yesterday I have to state that the Mint can supply you with the silver coin you desire. The usual course pursued to obtain from the Mint silver coin in exchange for gold coin, is to send the latter to it per express, and to request a corresponding amount of silver coin (in such denominations as may be desired) returned by the same conveyance. I may add that the express charges for transportation are the only expenses attending the exchange.

I am, very respectfully,

Samuel Ross Snowden.

Director U. S. Mint

Robt Benson & Co
New York

United States Army Office
New York, July 22^d 1856.

Sir

I transmit enclosed my report to
the Department of the monthly examination,
made on the 30th ultimo, of the funds of the
Treasurer of this Office.

Very respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

Saml. T. Butterworth
Capt.

Hon J R Seward, }
Director of the Mint, }

To the Director of the mint.

The undersigned beg leave to suggest the propriety of allowing to the workmen of the Mint, a vacation on Saturday next, as it will be a "short day," occurring directly after the usual holiday of the 4th July.

July 2^d 1856.

J. R. Petersfeldt
Geo. F. Chuas

Wm E. Dubois
John H. Taylor

P.S. Mr Booth is absent, but is known to be favorable.

The request of the officers within named
is acceded to: but the Treasurer's office
will be kept upon for the securing of
bullion and payment to debtors.

J. R. S.

The workmen of the mint will
be allowed a vacation on
Saturday next, as well as the
usual holiday, on the 4th inst -
Friday next.

July 2, 1856,

J. R. Snowden
Director of the Mint.

It is expected that the Treasurer's
Office for the receipts and
payment of Customs will be
kept open on Saturday as
usual.

J. R. O.

Miner of the United States
Philad^a 1 July 1856

Gent^l:

Your bid for sweeps, dated 25th ult^o, is taken
factory, with the exception of that for the sink
sweeps, in regard to which last your offer falls so
far short of the Miner estimate of value, that I feel
certain your assay is incorrect, or that you have mis-
judged the character of this sweep. It is not, as you
name it in your offer, zinc sweeps, but sink sweeps, and
only differs from our other sweeps in the fact that it
contains those fine particles which we allow to run
into the sink. It is richer and not less easy to work
than any of the other lots you drew, with but one
exception.

Your bid is accepted for all the sweeps includ-
ed in your offer except the sink sweeps, in respect
to which you are requested to present another bid.

Very respectfully yours

James R. McDowell.
Director

E. Longman & Sons
Brooklyn, N.Y.

3^d July.

6.

Sir,

I enclose a report from the Superintendent
of the U. S. Army Office N.Y. exhibiting the results
of the usual examination at that institution at
the close of the month of June last.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

James R. Anderson

Director of the

Hon James Guthrie,

Sec. of the Treasury,

Washington City.

Mint of the United States. ^{Prof.}

Philadelphia, 1st July 1856.

Sir,

Your favor of the 30th ult^o enclosing
official Bond of Peter Lott Esq Superintendent
of the Br. Mint San Francisco has been received.
I have certified the said Bond to be to my
satisfaction and herewith return it.

I am, very respectfully,
Your obt. Servant,

Director U. S. Mint

Elisha Whittlesey Esq
Comptroller
Treasury Department
Washington City

1st July

6.

Sir,

The usual count of balances on hand
made yesterday exhibited in the Treasury of the
Mint, in Gold coins \$1,116,747.06

silver " " 1,678,228.74

Ordinary Fund 1,165.80

Repair Fund 351.10

Total \$2,796,487.70

Which amount was found on examination to correspond
with the balances as stated upon the Treasurer's
books of accounts.

The balance in the office of the Asst.
Treasurer U. S. at the same time was found by
count to be \$667,459.55 in Gold and Silver coins,
agreeing with the amount as stated in the
account books of that officer.

An examination into the general condition
of the Mint, and the manner of conducting the

6.
Business in its several departments gave satisfactory
evidence of assiduity and care in the various
branches, and fidelity to the interests alike of
the Government and the public.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

James R. Brown

Director U. S. Mint

Hon. James Guthrie,

Sec. of the Treasury,

Washington City.

6.
Sir,

The enclosed statement exhibits
the reports and Comptrol at the Mint during
the month of June last.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

James R. Thompson,

Director U. S. Mint.

For James Guthrie,

Sec. of the Treasury,

Washington City.

Sir,

The enclosed statement exhibits
the deposits and disbursements at the Mint during
the month of June last.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

Samuel R. Brown.

Director of the Mint.

Samuel Guthrie,

Sec. of the Treasury,

Washington City,

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1856/AUGUST

August 30th, 6

Sir

The deposit of gold which you propose
sending to the Mint might be forwarded with
your name and address to a United States Express
in this City. Their Agent would make the
deposit and remit you the proceeds upon the
determination of value.

Very

Respectfully

Yours &c
Saml. R. R. R.

Shirley:

Mr. John H. H.
Oriskany,
Oriskany, N. Y.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, August 30th, 1856.

The result of the usual Monthly Count made after the close of this
day's business shows in the hands of the Treasurer the sum of
as follows: In gold coins \$ 615,697.10

" Silver " 1592,053.98

" Old 7. Kind 22,579.66

" Apprais " 351.10

Total \$2,280,681.84

agreeing with the balance as stated upon the Ap. books of the Mint.

In the hands of the Asst. Treas. at the same time I found the sum
of \$ 959,007.12¹⁰⁰ in gold and silver coins, the balance stated upon the
officer's books of Ap.

An examination into the condition of the Mint generally
gave gratifying evidence of care and dispatch in the business of the
institution & of attention to the interests alike of the government and the
public.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

James R. Snowden

Director.

Hon: James Guthrie,

Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington City.

August 30 6.

The Director of the Mint requests that hereafter, and until otherwise ordered, the adjusters will be allowed for three days each week, except more than that number of days is required to perform the work in the adjusting room; in which case the additional days work will be allowed.

The Chief Coiner will cause the rolls to be kept in the manner above indicated.

James R. Rowdies.
Director of the Mint.

To.
Geo. H. Childs Esq.
Chief Coiner
U.S. Mint.

Philadelphia Aug 30/55
San Francisco Branch Mint

15000 Bar Mas . 90 ——— \$45.
Bar

25
\$45.25

Phil^a. Jan 11. 1856

Received Payment in full

Grove & Brother

Statement of the Condition of the Bullion Funds of the
U. S. Assay Office on the 30th day of August 1856.

Gold Coins in hands of Treasurer. 792,319.45
Silver dollars " " 14,545.63
Gold Coins to be rec^d from U. S. Mint. 19,184.44
Applicable to payment of deposits for Coinage. 826,079.52

Gold Bars in hands of Treasurer. 624,446.44
Unexported Bullion & fine Silver. (Mr R) 543,759.12
Applicable to payment of deposits for Bars. 1,168,205.56.

Silver Bullion for refining purposes (Mr R) 250,214.92

Total amt of Bullion Funds. \$ 2,244,500.00.

New York.

Sept 25. 1856.

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No. 72.

Seventy two Fine Silver Bars
transmitted to the U. S. Mint, in pur-
suance of the act of March 1855, by
John J. Bischo, Treasurer of the U. S.
Assay Office, New York.

1856.

Aug. 29. Seven Boxes \$420.49, containing
one package

No. 73. 12 bars weight. ^{ounces, dec} 2672.62 @ 998 1/2
Nos. 74 @ 78. 60 . " 12193.74 @ 998

|||||

14866.36

16570
166

Stand. weight, oz. 16,486.63
Gross Value, \$ 19,184.44

16,486.63 Standard oz @ \$ 1.22 1/2 pr. oz.
equal \$20,196.12, payable in Silver coins.

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

August 29 1856

Sir
Enclosed you have receipt, and my
statement of Gold Bars and one package, for-
warded this day by the Adams Express Co, con-
taining 72 fine silver bars, weighing 144.866.36
Oz. gross, of the net value @ \$1.22½ for oz. Stand.
of \$20.196.12 the receipt of which I will thank
you to acknowledge, and remit in payment. The
whole amount in Quarter dollars.

Daniel Strongman Esq
Treas. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Very Resp^t
Yours &c. &c.

J. M. J. Geo
Treasurer

[Faint handwritten notes on the left page, including "No. 72" and "Received of the Treasurer of the United States"]

No. 72 Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.
Box containing Gold Bullion,
One Parcel " } 14.8 lb. 36 Ozs Silver "
Amounting in Net value to \$20,196.12
Twenty thousand, one hundred &
ninety six 12/100 dollars
which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Parity per One Thousand Dollars.
New York, Aug 29 1856.
For Adams Express Co. *[Signature]*

THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO., 116 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO.'S
GREAT
Eastern, Western & Southern Express.

~~U.S. MONEY ORDER~~

Received of *U.S. Mint* Philadelphia, *Sept 29th* 1855.

1 B of and said to contain *Four hundred* *Dollars*

MARKED *Greenfield Bank*
Greenfield
Maine

To be forwarded as addressed: THE EXPRESS COMPANY not to be held responsible for any loss or damage arising from fire, railroad accidents, ocean or river navigation, etc., UNLESS SPECIALLY INSURED BY THEM, AND SO SPECIFIED IN THIS RECEIPT.

Freight, _____

Insurance, _____

FOR THE PROPRIETORS,

CRAIG, PRINTER, 116 CHESTNUT ST., OVER THE EXPRESS OFFICE.

Jno. A. Dill

M. S. Akey Office

New York Aug 29/56

Sir

Allow me to call your attention to the subject of the Eridosmine contained in many of the deposits of gold at this office.

Up to a recent period, the amount of this substance was so trifling as not to have led to any definite official action concerning it. Now, however, it seems to me expedient, that the loss to which the office is subject, if the depositor be paid for it as gold, should be avoided by some arrangement, alike satisfactory to the depositor and safe for the office.

At first sight it would appear that this may be accomplished in two ways; - 1st by considering the Eridosmine as an integral part of the bullion when melted and cast into bars, and reporting the fineness of the whole in such manner as to place the Eridosmine in the position of the base metals ordinarily alloyed with gold and silver: or 2ndly, by looking upon it as foreign matter adhering to the melt, (in such a way that it cannot be removed without placing the whole in such a condition as to render a correct assay impossible), and deducting from the entire weight, that of the Eridosmine it may contain.

To the first method there are two objections,

both of which point to the second as the one that should be adopted. In the 1st place, the Endosmine found with the precious metals, does not alloy with them. It can very plainly be distinguished in a distinct and independent state, scattered here and there in the bars when cast. As it is distributed very unequally, you will readily perceive that an assay, in the ordinary application of that term to bullion, cannot rigidly determine its amount, because the value of the assay rests entirely on the homogeneity of the bullion operated on. In cutting off samples from a bar, places containing Endosmine are avoided on this account, and thus in making our ordinary assays, Endosmine is practically (and necessarily so) treated as a foreign matter adhering to the bars; the determinations of its amount must be made otherwise.

This leads to the 2nd point alluded to, which is that when the amount of the Endosmine has been determined, it is practically impossible to make an exact allowance for it by lowering the fineness of the melt. This is consequent on the fact that "one half thousandth" is the lowest division of fineness that is reported. The amount represented by this fineness that is reported. The amount represented by this fineness will often exceed the entire quantity of the Endosmine.

An example will render this apparent. In a melt weighing 1500 ounces, "one half thousandth" in fineness is equivalent to $\frac{75}{1000}$ of an ounce. If the Endosmine be found to amount to $\frac{15}{1000}$ of an ounce, it is clear that either the office must lose the $\frac{15}{1000}$, which the depositor gains, by no allowance being made; or the depositor must lose $\frac{60}{1000}$ of an ounce, which the office gains, by a deduction of "one half thousandth" from what would

otherwise be reported as the fineness. On the other hand, there is no difficulty in making an exact allowance by the 2nd method suggested.

I have been induced to bring the subject before you, in order that, should these considerations meet your approval, an arrangement may be made by which the Treasurer of the Office will be authorized to deduct from the weights of the deposits (after melting) such amounts as the Assayer may report necessary as allowances for the Endosmine or other like matter contained in them respectively.

This course would, I think, meet the necessities of the case, and seems free from any objection.

Respectfully

John Torrey
Assayer

Sam^l F. Butterworth Esq
Superintendent &c

United States Assay Office
New York, Aug. 30, 1856.

Sir,

I transmit enclosed a communication just received by me from the Assayer of this Office, on the subject of the Arsenium contained in our gold deposits.

As the 14th Sect. of the Act establishing this Office looks to an entire uniformity in the conditions on which deposits are received at this Office and at the Mint, I have not deemed it competent for me to prescribe the regulations suggested by the Assayer, without your cognizance. I therefore enclose Dr. Errey's communication for your consideration.

Very respectfully

Your obt. Servt.,

Sam. F. Bittermanth
Supt

Wm. J. R. Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Sept. 10th

6.

Sir,

In considering the question of the proper mode of making deductions from gold deposits containing Ir. osmine, I have conferred with the assayer of the Mint who has furnished me with a communication on the subject.

I have deemed it expedient to send you a copy of the assayer's communication and to sign a further statement from it. I may state that it seems to me at present that allowance by weight rather than fineness is preferable, for although it is but an estimate, an approximation to the true amount, yet the former can be made more clearly than by the latter: but I will suspend any decision upon the point until I hear from you again.

Very Respectfully
Yours ob^d servant
James Ross Macdonald
Assistant to the Mint.

James H. Bullen Esq.
Asst. Aspy Office
New York.

Assay Office N.Y. Mint
Sept. 11th 1866

Dear Sir

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Now according to our experience, there is much difficulty in arriving at this weight. The trouble of it is partly thrown upon the Meller & Refiner, who must tediously dissolve away the precious metals from the iridosmium. He cannot get rid of it, perfectly, by subsidence in melting. We have therefore felt ourselves in a dilemma which we can only dispose of in the following ways, 1. if the iridosmium is largely present, we entirely refuse the deposit as unsuitable for coinage; it must go to a refiner, whose tariff of charges is higher than ours, 2 if the metal be merely traceable, we fall one-half-thousandth in the fineness, as being sufficient to cover the amount; and the least fall we can make, under the rule to report to half thousandths. Whatever modicum may thus be gained to

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the Mella Refiner, is little enough to meet his responsibilities, and on the other hand it is little enough for the depositor to lose on metal so injuriously affected. What has thus far been said, may induce Dr. Torrey to make some further remarks, as to the process which he proposes; and we should be very glad to hear and adopt any thing that is more practicable, & nearer to the truth, than the system just stated.

Respectfully

J. R. Eckfeldt
Assayer

E. R. Snodden Esq.
Director U. S. Mint

Treasury Department
Aug 28 1856.

Sir

In reply to your letter of
the 25th inst. I have to say that the prohi-
bition of the payment of salary to Mr. Longacre
Engraver at the Mint is a mere

I am very Respc

James Buchanan
Sec of the Treasury

J. R. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philad^{as}

164.84 June
118.48
168.48
501.80

Laureton Aug. 29 '56
Dear Mr. Stimpson Esq.
Treas. N. S. Mint.

Sir.

We have
received your favor of
the 27th inst. - enclosing
chpts for \$730⁰⁰. being
in full for our bill of
planchets, as stated -

We shall forward
soon, the 20 keps planches
ordered -

Yours.

Very Respectfully.

Crocker Pres. of C.

United States Assay Office

New York, Aug 28th 1855

Sir

In accordance with your request
I have this day forwarded to you by
Express a description of the apparatus
used in this office for separating gold
with Drawings &c

I also enclose a note
from Mr Kent stating the results of its
operations; which I am certain will
give you much satisfaction. Mr K
has returned and will be much
pleased to exhibit the machine in
operation to Prof Booth whenever he
may visit the office.

I am with great respect

Yours &c. &c.

Saml F. Butterworth
Supt

Wm J. P. Snowden {
Director of
Phila

United States Assay Office

New York, Oct. 12, 1855.

Sir,

I have received from Mr. Kent, the
Melter & Refiner of this Office, a communication
dated on the 9th inst., a copy of which is herewith
transmitted, on the subject of the Sweep washing
apparatus devised by him, and which has been
in operation during the past two months at
this Office.

The communication of Mr. Kent is of the nature
of a report upon the working of his apparatus
thus far, as contrasted with the process em-
ployed for Sweep washing before the introduction
of his improvements. You will observe also that
Mr. Kent, having patented his invention, is de-
termined of securing for it such advantage as
might be conferred by the official approval
of the Government.

Having watched with great interest the
progressive improvements introduced by Mr. Kent,
and having witnessed their results, I am sat-

isfied that his invention is one of great value in separating the precious metals from the sweeps which result from Mint operations, and also, I presume, in working native ores. I feel therefore that Mr. Kent is fully entitled to any benefit which may accrue from making public the favorable results of his experiments at this Office.

As, however, your attention has already been directed to this subject, and an Officer of the Mint has been deputed by you to visit this Office and witness the operation of Mr. Kent's Machine, I have deemed it proper to refer the matter to you, and to solicit for Mr. Kent's communication such notice as you may deem appropriate.

Very respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

Wm. F. Butterworth

Supt

Hon. J. R. Barden,
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia.

U. S. Assay Office, Minter & Refiner's Department,

New York, Aug. 25 1855

Sir

Agreeably to the request from the Director of the Mint, I enclose a description of my apparatus for separating gold, with drawings to which reference is made.

The apparatus has been in use in this Office since the first of August, and from that date to the 24th inst, 992 ounces of gold & silver have been separated by it from the sweeps of this Office amounting 978.61 oz has been separated by the machine portion of the apparatus and 13.50 oz of the amalgamated portion.

From the above data, it will be seen, that 97 per cent of the whole amount is separated

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Hon. J. R. Snowden
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

By the mechanical apparatus
used that but a small portion
is separated by the more trouble
some and expensive process of
amalgamation.

Only one lot of sweep
has been assayed since the
apparatus was finished, and
the assayer's report of this
gave 14.9 cts per lb as the total
value. I have since made some
trifling alterations in the appar-
atus, and hope to reduce the
value to about 12 cts per lb.

The small amount re-
maining in the sweep is doubt-
less due to Chloride of Silver
and Borate of Gold, which not
being in the metallic state
cannot be removed by mechan-
ical means or by amalgamation.

By the use of this apparatus, the
loss of about 25 per. cent. of the whole
amount of sweep sold, will be saved.

The danger and inconvenience
of lifting is entirely avoided,
and the gold and silver is at once
cleaned, ready for being melted.

The labor of sweep washing
is reduced to about 1/4 of that
formerly used, and consequently
no accumulation of sweep occurs.

Very Respectfully
Yours obt. servt.

Edward M. Keck

Melter & Refiner

Sam. F. Butterworth is
Superintendent.

Boston August 27. 1856
To the Directors of the United States Mint at
Philadelphia

Gentlemen. My residence is in Philadelphia, to
which place I shall soon return. Observing some notice in the Newspaper
that the Chimney in your building is not altogether such as is desirable
on account of the vapors from acids &c, I take the liberty to make
known to you a Chimney, which I invented, and got patented, and which,
during one to three years past, has been in practical operation in Philadelphia
and in Boston, and is now about being put on to a large Steam Ship and
other important buildings. It has been examined and approved by
many scientific and practical men, and its own action corroborates all
that has been ^{said} in its favor. It is very simple and void of any machinery.
It secures the following advantages, whether it is built fifteen feet
high or more. Chimnies already built, may have them - viz. -
- ~~perfect~~ perfect proof against fire. No heat from the Chimney can ignite
A constant, uniform, powerful draught acting on all the fire alike, which
may be increased or decreased at pleasure.
A saving of twenty to 25 per cent in the consumption of fuel. This has
been proved and is daily proved by those who have the Chimney in use.
Usually, it burns up the gases and smoke by mingling them with hot
air. Or they are diluted and carried into the atmosphere with velocity.
The Chimney is self cleaning and self preserving. No blower has been
used or needed, where this Chimney has been erected.

I am happy to submit these facts to your consideration, and to say that
if this Chimney is judged worthy to be used for the Mint, no pains will be
spared on my part to make it perfect. Very Respectfully Yours, Joseph Leeds
No 22 North 9th Street.

August 25th

6.

Dear Sir,

In the act making appropriations for certain civil
departments of the Government - Public L. 55 - approved August 18, 1856,
an appropriation of \$2,200, is made to meet
the expenses incurred under the Contract of the Secretary of
the Navy for the "Graham Medal". As this is intended,
I presume, to meet the difficulty arising out of the
payments of a like amount to Mr. J. B. Longacre
whose salary, by your letter of the 25th of June last,
was directed to be withheld, I have now to ask
whether the Treasurer of the Mint may be authorized
to pay to Mr. Longacre the arrearages and future
installments of salary, as whether the prohibition
is stated in the letter referred to must continue to
be enforced.

I have the honor to be
With great respects,
Your faithful servant,

Resd. James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

I am glad to learn that there is a prospect of
your being able to dispose of your ~~patented~~
~~invention~~ at San ~~Antonio~~ ~~of the United States~~ ~~apt~~
in reference to the date ~~philosophical~~ ~~Aug 28, 1856~~
Sir, I have an opportunity of drawing samples and
specimens for your examination & all of them
selected for machinery, castings &c. This bill
is properly payable from the special appropriation
for the alterations and improvements of the ~~works~~ ~~business~~
ing, ~~factories~~ ~~and~~ ~~machinery~~, but as this fund is
not under my control, and as the firms are wait-
ing for payment, I forward the account to you, trust-
ing that you will take measures for its prompt
settlement, either by the transmission of a draft for
the amount, or by such other mode as you may deem
expedient. The ~~Apprs~~ ~~mades~~ at the ~~Board~~ ~~and~~
and I leave the matter to be ~~done~~
whether the ~~with~~ ~~great~~ ~~respect~~ ~~will~~ ~~be~~
accepted. Your faithful servant

This sample has been sent to ~~San Antonio~~
and has been sold, to ~~San Antonio~~ ~~by~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~
Hon. James Guthrie, ~~by~~ ~~the~~ ~~Director~~
Secy of the Treasury ~~at~~ ~~San Antonio~~ ~~in~~ ~~1856~~
(Washington) ~~at~~ ~~the~~ ~~same~~ ~~to~~ ~~you~~.

I am glad to learn that there is a prospect of
your being able to dispose of your ~~gold and silver~~
Sweep at San Francisco. The course we adopt
in reference to the sale of sweeps is to allow the
bidders an opportunity of drawing samples and
make their own assays, on which they make their
bids. In our experience the ~~percentage between the~~
~~mint assays~~ offers are very variable as compared
with the mint assays. So that the proposition
made by Messrs. Wap, Waring & Co. is in
admirable. Let them make offers for the
Sweep on their own assays - without being
informed of the Mint assay, and then Com-
municate to me their offer, and at the
same time furnish me with a statement
of the Assays made at the United States Mint
and I will then be able to determine
whether the offer on bids should be
accepted.

The Sweep deposited with me at New York
has not been sold, but I am every day
in daily expectation of hearing receiving
an offer for them. When the sale is made
I will communicate the result to you.

} I understand
your interest in the
subject is very great

Washington, D.C. 1891

My dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the proposed sale of the Sweepstakes tickets. I am glad to learn that there is a prospect of your being able to dispose of your ~~proposed~~ Sweepstakes at San Francisco. The course we adopt in reference to the sale of sweepstakes is to allow the bidders an opportunity of drawing samples and make their own assays, on which they make their bids. In our experience the ~~percentage~~ ^{assays} between the mint assays often are very variable as compared with the mint assays. So that the proposition made by Messrs. Wap, Watson & Co. is in admirable. Let them make assays for the Sweepstakes on their own assays - without being informed of the mint assays, and then communicate to me their offer, and at the same time furnish me with a statement of the assays made at the same time and I will then be able to determine whether the offer on bids should be accepted.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
John G. Thompson

Enclosed find
statement

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The Sweepstakes tickets sent to New York have not been sold, but I am every day in daily expectation of having receiving an offer for them. When the sale is made I will communicate the result to you.

Printed at the Office of the State Printer.

August 1, 1836.

August 22nd 1.

Dr Sir,

Your letter of 12th inst, enclosing
your check on the Metropolitan Bk. of A. B.,
has been received.

Herewith I forward to you the
receipt of Adams Esq. Express for \$500. in
London & affixed as requested.

Yours truly,

James Robt Snowden
Director

M. A. Shepard Esq.,
West Chamber Bk. of Comm.
Knoxville.

Mint of the United States.

THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO., 116 Chestnut St., Philadel

GREAT

Eastern, Western & Southern Express.

Philadelphia, August 1st 1856.

Received of the Directors of the Mint of the United States

and said to contain Five Hundred dollars in Gold

and Silver

MARKED *Harvard Bank of Providence, Providence, R.I.*

To be forwarded as addressed: THE EXPRESS COMPANY not to be held responsible for any loss or damage arising from fire, railroad accidents, ocean or river navigation, &c., UNLESS SPECIALLY INSURED BY THEM, AND SO SPECIFIED IN THIS RECEIPT.

Freight, _____

Insurance, _____

FOR THE PROPRIETORS,

Wm. A. Bull

CHAS. PRINTER, 116 CHESTNUT ST., OVER THE EXPRESS OFFICE.

August 1, 1856.

Amount of balance
to close of
Yesterday

Handwritten notes on the left page, including "received of the Directors of the Mint of the United States" and "and said to contain Five Hundred dollars in Gold and Silver".

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, August 1, 1856.

Sir,

The usual monthly count of balance
in the Mint Treasury ^{at the close of} made yesterday
Business

received
for

Philad: August 22/88
Medal Fund of W. & J. ~~Smith~~

Geo. Mege & Co.
To 41th Copper Dock path \$16.40
To Medal of the Harriet' Charitable
Mechanics' Union

Received Payment
Geo. Mege & Co. for ^{W. & J. Smith} Geo. Wilson

Brooklyne Aug 21st 1856

Mr James Rof Snowden

Dear Sir

I shall be on
for the U P M Sweep the week after
next, and you will oblige us by
waiting untill then, our business
as been such that we will not be
able to take them before

Yours with respect
Robt Longman & Sons

Philadelphia August 22/60
Medal Fund of W. & A. Smith
Applied to J. & Co. Messrs of
No 5th Street for Medals of the
Council of the Town of Portsmouth N.H.
Stock per the \$2.00

Received Payment
George Messers

Laurentia Aug. 21. 56

David Thompson Esq

Treas: U. S. Mint.

Sir,

We annex bill
of 18 Keys planchets, shipped by A. C.
H. W. Munn.

These planchets, have been
ready for shipment for some time -
awaiting the sailing of a vessel.

Yours
Very Respectfully,

Charles B. Munn

U. S. Assay Office
Melter & Refiner Department
New York Aug 21st 1856

Sir,

I beg leave to call your attention to the following facts in relation to the sweep which has been recently produced in this office, resulting from the use of my apparatus for separating gold.

By recent improvements in the method of working this apparatus, without any alteration in the apparatus itself, the sweep has been so far exhausted of gold & silver, as to contain only the following small amount, as shown by the Assayers reports.

Nos. 41 & 50 - 10 Barrels. 3227^{lb}, value 7³⁰/₁₀₀ pr. lb.

" 51 & 60 - 10 " 3444^{lb} " 7⁶⁰/₁₀₀ "

The saving to the Government thus effected, is apparent, from the following facts. The average loss in the sale of four lots of sweep, made previous to the introduction of my apparatus and the above mentioned improvements in working it, was $2\frac{23}{100}$ Cts. pr. lb. which is $45\frac{1}{2}$ Cts. pr. lb. more than the whole value of the lot nos 41 & 50. Consequently if the latter were now thrown away, there would be a saving of \$81.64 more than that produced by the sale of the four lots of richer sweep.

above referred to. But this poor sweep can still be sold for about 3³/₄ cts. pr. lb. which on 522⁷/₈ amounts to \$103.16 in addition to what would be gained if thrown away. The total saving on 10 barrels sweep is therefore \$184.80, and at this rate a saving of about \$2000 pr. year will be effected in this office alone. Similar results will probably soon be obtained at the Mint, which will double the amount saved to the Government.

In view of the above facts, and the recommendation from Prof. Booth that my apparatus be introduced into the Minting Establishment of the United States I trust that it will ere long be introduced, at least, into the Branch Mints at New Orleans and San Francisco. A simple calculation will show that if the lot of 175 barrels of rich sweep now in this office from the San Francisco Mint were to be washed and amalgamated with this apparatus, a saving to the Government of over \$5000 could be effected on this lot of sweep alone. For this reason I am anxious to have the apparatus introduced, were it is likely to produce so great a benefit.

Yours very Respectful
& obt. Servant

S. J. Butterworth Esq
Superintendent
U. S. Assay Office.

Edward M. Hunt
Melter & Refiner

United States Assay Office

New York Aug 30, 1856.

Sir,

I deem it proper to transmit for your information the enclosed letter, addressed to me, on the 21st inst., by the Melter & Refiner of this Office.

I am informed by Mr. Hunt that the exceedingly low quality to which he has succeeded in reducing the last two lots of sweep is owing to the care now taken to clean out the separator after each day's working. Without this precaution, some of the finer particles of metal remaining in the bottom of the separator will be carried over and mixed with the sweep.

It is manifest that any sale of sweep, which would involve a loss of more than seven or eight cents per pound, would be less advantageous to the Government than to use this process & lose the entire residue. A sale just effected, however, of the last 10 bbls. of our sweep thus impoverished shows that it can be disposed of for half its value for assay. 3³/₄ cts. being offered for sweep assayed at 7³/₄ cts. per lb.

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It is manifest that any sale of sweep, which would involve a loss of more than seven or eight cents per pound, would be less advantageous to the Government than to use this process & lose the entire residue. A sale just effected, however, of the last 80 lbs. of our sweep thus impoverished shows that it can be disposed of for half its value for assay, - $3\frac{3}{4}$ cts. being offered for sweep assayed at $7\frac{1}{2}$ cts. pr. lb.

United States Assay Office

New York, Aug. 30, 1856.

Sir,

I deem it proper to transmit for your information the enclosed letter, addressed to me, on the 21st inst., by the Metals & Refiner of this Office.

I am informed by Mr. Kent that the exceedingly low quality to which he has succeeded in reducing the last two lots of sweep is owing to the care now taken to clean out the separator after each days working. Without this precaution, some of the finer particles of metal remaining in the bottom of the separator will be carried over and mixed with the sweep.

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I am persuaded that a very considerable saving to the Government would be effected by the use of Mr. Kent's machine at the Branch Mints of San Francisco & New Orleans, and I respectfully suggest that Mr. Kent's letter be transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury. In a conversation with Mr. Guthrie, during my recent visit to Washington, he expressed great interest in the working of this new method of treating the Mint sweeps; and, it is proper that I should inform you, he desires that the California sweeps now in my hands, if no satisfactory price be offered for them, should be run through Mr. Kent's machine. I may add that, although this labor would probably occupy two months, & involve various inconveniences, Mr. Kent is ready to undertake it if this course be deemed necessary.

I expect to receive Longman's offers for the California sweeps on Monday.

Very respectfully,

Saml J. Dutton

Supy

Hon. J. R. Fowler, }
Director of the Mint. }

August 20th 1805. 6.

Sir:

I have to request that you will cause a Draft to be issued in favor of the Treasurer of the Bank and payable out of the appropriation made for the support of the Mint for the current fiscal year for the sum of \$144,225.00 to meet the expenses of the present quarter for salaries of Officers & Clerks, Wages of Workmen and incidental & contingent expenses, viz, as follows:

For Salaries	\$6,075.00
" Wages	10,000.00
" Inc. & Cont. exps.	10,750.00
" Trans. of Bullion	
to & from Philad.	2,500.00
Total	\$144,225.00

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

James Ross Snowden
Director

Hon. James Guthrie

Secy of the Treasury

Washington

Philad^a August 17th 1856

W. L. Hunt

To 1 Leg of Trampers
Rec^d Payment \$1.50

Milton B. Harrison

Mint of the United States.

Washington 20th July

1856.

August 19 6.

Dear Sir,

As requested by you the request
contained in your letter of the 10th inst. I have
and await your disposition of them.
This day will be glad to see you
I have found them very useful in early gold Bullion
period as necessary to your convenience
and I will be glad to see you
I wish to clear away the
work in front of the Mint, and
under the hands and exposed to fully,
the weather, and if it remains the same
soon, may require to be covered.

Very Respectfully Directed to S. Mint
your obd. servant,

Hon. James Guthrie,

Mr. J. S. Lyman

Brooklyn

New York

James Rogers Rowden
Director of the Mint.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, 30th July 1856.

Dear Sir,

In compliance with the request contained in your favor of Yesterday I have this day sent you (per Adams Express 6^o) 50 sheets of Abstracts of Deposits of Gold Bullion, and enclose herewith receipted bill of the Treasurer of the Mint for the same.

I am, very respectfully,
Your obt. servt.

Director U. S. Mint

James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

United States Assay Office
New-York, N.Y. 1856.

Sir,

I transmit enclosed statements of
the business of this Office for the months
of June and July.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servt.,

S. J. Butterworth.

Wm. J. R. Rowden, }
Director of the Mint. }

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasury Department,

August 19. 1856

Sir

Your letter of the 14th inst, contain-
ing Assay Mem^o. of John Sullivan transmitted
on the 11th. is this day rec^d.

In consequence of
the postage not having been prepaid, it was
detained, until I had remitted the same.

The coins, by the Adams Express Comp.
were rec^d on the 15th inst, and duly placed
to your credit, the amount being \$27.269.15

Very Resp^{tly}
Yours obt. Serv^t

Wm. J. C. Co.
Treasury

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treas^r U. S. Mint
Phila

Philadelphia, Aug 15th 1856

The United States Min^{ist} High Office

WATERMAN'S
Patent Refrigerators.
JOHNSON'S
PATENT FREEZERS.

Bought of Isaac S. Williams,

Manufacturer and Importer of

Plated and Plain Tin Ware, Dealer in Housekeeping Hardware, Cutlery and Japaned Ware,

No. 256 Market Street, below Eighth, South Side.

1 Patent Cooler

\$ 4.00

Aug. 14. 6.

Sir. I enclose herewith a report from
the Superintendent of the Assay Office at
New York exhibiting the results of the usual
monthly examination at that institution
on the 31st ult.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
H. R. Linderman
for Director U. S. Mint.

Hon James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

United States Assay Office
New-York, Aug. 13, 1856.

Sir,

I transmit enclosed my report to
the Department of the monthly examination,
made on the 31st ult. of the funds of the Treas-
urer of this Office.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servt.,

D. P. Putnam
Supt.

Wm. J. R. Snowden, }
Director of the Mint. }

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

August 13. 1856

Sir

I am in receipt of your two letters of the 12th inst. enclosing Assay Mem^o of Silver transmitted on the 7th inst. and receipt of The Adams Express Co. for \$33,827.25 in Silver Coins, which have arrived; and your account has been credited with that amount.

Very Respectfully
Yr. ob. Serv.

Wm. J. Cress
Treasurer

Daniel Sturgis Esq.
Treas^r U. S. Mint

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
August 13th 1856.

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer of the United States Mint
Philadelphia Penn^a
Sir

Your account of Copper
Coinage for the month of July 1856. has been
adjusted at the Treasury, and a balance
found due from you to the United States
of \$404.29.

Most Sincerely
Yours,
Clark Whitting
Comptroller

Treasury Department.
First Auditors Office

August 12th 1886

Hon. David S. Sterling
Treasurer U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

Your Copper & ordinary Accounts
for July are received.

Very Respectfully
Yours obd. Serv

J. L. Smith
Auditor

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
August 12th 1854

Daniel Sturgis Esq
Treasurer of the Mint Philadelphia, Penn.
Sir,

Your account of Ordinary
Expenses for the month of July 1854, has been adjusted
at the Treasury, and a balance found due from
you to the United States of \$1180.47

Most Sincerely
Yours
Elisha Whittelsey
Comptroller.

W. B. SHAPARD, JR., PRESIDENT.
W. T. WHEELER, CASHIER.

Farmers' Bank of Tennessee,

Knoxville, ~~Sept 12~~ 1856

Mr. Sept W. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the
is received, with enclosure I enclose herein my ck
~~1275~~ on Metropolitan BK New York \$500.
please send me silver change. dimes & 1/2 dimes.

Yours Respectly
W. B. Shapard Jr
Per

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

Aug 11. 1856.

Sir. As per receipt & statement inclosed,
I have this day transmitted by the Adams Ex-
press Co. ten boxes, containing 96 Fine silver bars
weighing gross 20.069.57 Ozs. net value at \$1.22 1/2
per Oz. \$ 27,272.59 the receipt of which I will
thank you to acknowledge & pay for the same, as
follows.

In half dollars 10,000.

" quarters 15,000.

" dimes 2,272.59 = \$ 27,272.59

Very Resp^t
Yours obt^l S^t
Daniel Strong & Co. J. W. F. Allen
Treas^r U. S. Mint Treasurer
Philadelphia

27,269.15-

1856 Aug 11

Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.
Ten " " 20.169.57 Ozs Silver "

Amounting in Net value to \$ 27,272.59
Twenty seven Thousand, two
hundred seventy two 5/100 Dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint, at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.
New York, Aug 11, 1856.
For Adams Express Co. [Signature]

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 71. Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.
Box containing Gold Bullion,
Ten " " 20.169.57 Ozs Silver "
Parcel "
Amounting in Net value to \$ 27,272.59
Twenty seven Thousand, two
hundred seventy two 5/100 Dollars
which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint, at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.
New York, Aug 11, 1856.
For Adams Express Co. [Signature]

No. 71.

Ninety Six Fine Silver Bars trans-
mitted to the U. S. Mint, in pursuance of the
Act of March 1855, by John F. Cisco, Treas.
of the U. S. Assay Office, New York.

¹⁸⁵⁶
Sept. 11. Ten Boxes #32@41: containing

Nos. 69 & 72. 24 bars weigh. 4921.00 gr. @ 998 $\frac{1}{2}$
Nos. 70. 71. } 72 " " 15148.57 " " 998 $\frac{1}{2}$
+ 65 @ 68)

96 bars weigh. 20,069.57 gr. gross.
= 22,263.34 Stand. grs.

Gross Value, \$25,906.43

22,263.34 Stand. grs. @ \$1.22 $\frac{1}{2}$ for gr. = \$27,272.59

Payable in Silver Coins.

Treasury Department
Aug^r. 11. 1856.

Sir

In reply to your communication of the 8th inst. I have only to say that it does not appear to the Department that you have any course for you to pursue but to pay the amount in question to the Administrator of M. O'Connell on his filing the necessary certificate of Administration.

I am very Resp^t.
James Guthrie
Sec^y of the Treasury

Wm. Sturgeon
Treasury Office
Philad^a.

Mint of the United States
Phila. Aug 9. 1856.

Dear Sir,

The *Mt. Vernon* represents
that he has been put to inconvenience by
the stopping of the engine & that the running
of the same is necessary for the completion
of unfinished business in his department.
You will therefore cause the engine to
be started on Monday morning at the
usual hour and keep them running as long
as the business of the Mint may require.

I am very respectfully,

Yours obediently,
for Geo. W. H. Smith

George W. H. Smith Esq.
Chief Clerk
U. S. Mint

August 5, 1866

Samuel R. Brewster Esq

Sir

August 8, '66

Spring, in regard to the proposed
ing of the Massachusetts Charitable
Mechanic Association

Your favor of the 5th inst had been
received. In reply to your enquiry I have
to state that the medals you request for
the Mass. Charitable Mechanic Association,
will be struck at the Mint, and that the
same will be finished and ready for trans-
mission by the 15th proximo.

No further steps are necessary on
your part to procure the striking of these
medals at the Mint.

I am very respectfully,
H. P. Linderman
for Director U.S. Mint

Amos T. Brewster Esq
Pres. Mass. C. M. A. S.
Boston Mass,

Boston Aug 5. 1856.

James R. Snowden Esq

Sir

At an interview with you last Spring, in regards to Medals for the approaching Exhibition of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic Association, you were pleased to say that arrangements could probably be made with you direct, to have them struck at the Mint, without going through the formality of an application to the Secretary of the Treasury, as was required in 1853, the date of our last exhibition.

There are two Dies at the Mint belonging to our Association - From the small size one, we shall want twenty five Medals struck in Gold, & from the large size, we shall require 100 struck in Silver & 100 in Bronze, or there abouts. Our Exhibition opens on the 10th of Sept^r & will extend through the month - If we can have the Medals by the first of October it will answer our purpose. Will you do us the favor, to advise, by return Mail if we can rely on having them done; or whether any further steps will be necessary on our part to attain the object desired. Most Respectfully Yrs &c

Oliver Brewster Treas^r
M.C.M.A.

New York 8 mo 8. 1856
Danl Sturgeon Esq
Philadelphia
Esteemed Friend

We yesterday received by express
seven casks copper coin and should be pleased to
have another shipment at an early day

Respectfully
Willetts & Co

Office of the Board of Trade,
Boston August 8th 1856.

Colonel J. H. Snodgrass,
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia

Sir, I have just received
a line from J. B. Curtis Esq, Chairman
of the Committee of the Board of Trade upon the
"Grove Medal", informing me that the Commodore
has asked for permission to have a few
additional copies struck in bronze at his
own expense. Mr Curtis requests me,
if there be no objection to allowing it, to
address a note to you giving permission
to use the die for this purpose.

I have consulted with the President
of the Board upon the subject, who thinks
there can be no possible objection to its
being done, and free and full permission
is therefore given to you to make use of
the die for striking as many copies as
the Commodore may order.

I have the honor to be
Sir,

Very Respectfully,
Samuel Bates.
Secy.

No. 70.

One hundred & twenty Nine
Silver Dollars, transmitted to the U. S.
Mint, in pursuance of the Act of March
1855, by John F. Cisco, Treasurer of the
U. S. Assay Office, New York.

^{1856.}
Aug. 7th Nos. 55 @ 64 in 12 Boxes # 20031..

weighing ^{ounces dec.} 24,890.06 @ 998 1/2 f.
24,888.60
1,46 Stand. gp 27,614.14
Gross Value \$32,132.82

27,614.14 Stand. gp @ \$1.22 1/2/m.g. = \$33,827.32 payable
in Silver coins.

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24890.06
24888.60
1.46
27614.14
33827.32

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

August 7. 1851

Sir

In receipt of statement enclosed
I have this day forwarded by the Adams Ex-
press Co. twelve boxes containing 120 fine silver
bars, weighing gross 24,890.06 ozs. of the net
value @ \$1.22 1/2 pr oz. of \$33,827.32. The receipt
of which I will thank you to acknowledge, and
make payment in the following manner. Viz.
In half dollars \$10,000.

Dues " 20,000.

Dimes 3,827.32 = \$33,827.32

Very Resp^{ly}
Yours Obed^t Serv^t

Daniel Strongman Esq
Treas^r U.S. Mint
Phil^a

Wm. J. Allen
Treasurer

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text in cursive script, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]

JOHN J. CHICO, Treasurer.

No. 70. Received of the Treasurer of the United States
 Assay Office, New York.
 Box containing Gold Bullion.
 Invoice " " 24.890.16 Ouz Silver "
 Parcel "
 Amounting in Note value to \$ 33,827.32
 Thirty Three Thousand, Eight Hun-
 dred Twenty Seven ³²/₁₀₀ dollars
 which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
 of the United States Mints at Philadelphia at
 Cents per One Thousand Dollars.
 New York, Aug 7 1856
 For Adams Express Co. *[Signature]*

August 10, 1866.

Sir:

The communication of M. L. F. Thierstein Esq. late U. S. Consul at Zurich enclosing a coin of the Helvetic Confederation, and referred by you to me for examination, has been received.

We have heretofore had specimens of the new Swiss coin of inferior denominations, similar to the piece enclosed with Mr. Thierstein's letter. This piece of 5 centimes weighs 26 1/2 grains and is an alloy of copper with some of the gray-white metals, to the amount of five per cent. although a neat coin in itself, it is objectionable on account of its too close resemblance to silver, thereby tending to confusion and mistake, and also of its actually containing silver; which, in so small a proportion, is almost thrown away, and can scarcely have any tendency to exalt the character of the alloy.

we are rather in hopes, that if our proposed alloy of $\frac{7}{8}$ copper with $\frac{1}{8}$ nickel, is put forth in coins, other nations will discard copper, and debased silver alloys, and substitute this in their place.

The letter of Mr. Thibault and the coin enclosed in the same is returned herewith.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
H. R. Linderman
for the Director.

Hon James Guthrie
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

San Antonio Aug. 6 '56.

Hon. Sam. Houston,

Treas. U.S. Mint

Sir -

we have
received your favor of
the 4th inst. - enclosing
draft on New York for
\$896 ⁵⁶, being in full
payment of an invoice
of \$912 ⁹⁵.

We notice your remarks
abt. the finish of the planity,
& will see that the defect
is remedied.

Yours Very Respectfully
Crockett P.D. 8/6

Albion N.Y.

Aug 5/16

W. Smith

You will receive per
express a box containing \$824 ⁸⁶ for
returning.

Respectfully

Thos W. Cooper
Thos

\$861.46

Providence, Aug 5 1886

Sir, Having heard that —
Cents can be obtained for
Twelve $\frac{1}{2}$ and Six $\frac{1}{4}$ Cent
pieces at their full value,
I write to inquire if such
is the case.

Your obedient
Servant

To the Hon^{ble} Robert A. Pearson
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia,

Ans by Circular Aug 9.
and in negative,



Treasury of the United States
2nd August 1856

Sir

I enclose Treasury Draft No 2058 for \$100.
for which please forward to this Office by
Adams Express Compy - a Reg of Cents.

Very respectfully

Yours Sthl St

Sam Casey
Treasurer U. S.

Daniel Sturgeon Esq -
Treasurer U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

18th August 6.

Sir,

I enclose a statement exhibiting
the deposits and coinage at the Mints during
the month ending yesterday.

I have the honor to be

With great respects,

Your faithful servant,

James A. B. Howard.

Treasurer U. S. Mint.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington City.

20 August 6.

Sir,

The usual count of balances on hand made yesterday exhibited in the Treasury of the Mint the gold coin. \$ 618,168.69

“ Silver “ 4729,672.00

“ Ordinary Fund, 1,180.47

“ Repair Fund 281.10

Total \$2,049,367.77

which amount was found on examination to correspond with the balances as stated upon the Treasurers books of accounts.

The balance in the Office of the Asst. Treas. U. S. at the same time was found by count to be \$202,689.47 in gold and silver coin, agreeing with the amount as stated in the accounts books of that Office.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect, Your faithful servt.

James R. Snowden,
Director U. S. Mint.

James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

July 31. 1856.

Sir

I have this day rec^d by the Adams Express Co. fifty blank abstract sheets, also your letter of the 30th inst, enclosing bill for the same (\$5.00) which I have committed to the Treas^r U.S. Mint, through the Express Co.

Very Resp^{tly}
yours obt^l Serv^t

Wm. J. Mayo

Treasurer

Hon. James Ross Snowden
Director U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

We have heretofore had specimens of the new Series coin of inferior denominations, similar to the piece ^{above referred to} sent with this letter. This piece of 5 centimes weighs $26\frac{1}{2}$ grains, and is an alloy of copper with some of the gray-white metals, with an infusion of silver, to the amount of five per cent.

Altho' a neat coin in itself, we have always considered it objectionable on account of its too close resemblance to silver, thereby tending to confusion & mistake, and also of its actually containing ~~a~~ ^{it is} silver; which, in so small a proportion, is almost thrown away, and can scarcely have any tendency to exalt the character of the alloy. - We are rather in hopes, that ~~then~~ ^{if} our proposed alloy of $\frac{7}{8}$ copper with $\frac{1}{8}$ nickel, is put forth in coin, other nations will discard copper, and de-

based silver alloys, and substitute this
in their place.

copy

Hon James Guthrie.

Sec. of the Treasury,
of the United States of America
Washington, D.C.

Sir,

Having learned from the public press, that the
subject of substituting for the one cent pieces, now in
use, a coin more convenient for general circulation,
is at present before you, I beg leave to submit it
to your consideration the enclosed coin

It is a coin of the Helvetic confederation,
representing five centimes, one hundred centimes consti-
tuting one Franc, in value equal to $18\frac{3}{4}$ cents
of our currency.

The nature of the alloy could be
easily ascertained through the legation of
the United States, at Bern.

I am, Sir, with great respect,

Your Obedt. Servt.

Wm. L. F. Thierstein

Chanc. Sec. Legation at Bern

Phil^a, Aug. 6 3
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U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1856/SEPTEMBER

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Sept 18 1864

Mr. [unclear]
The enclosed [unclear] [unclear]
the [unclear] and [unclear] at the [unclear] [unclear]
the [unclear] [unclear] [unclear] day.

And have the [unclear] to be
[unclear] just [unclear].
Yours [unclear] [unclear]
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear]
[unclear] [unclear] [unclear]

Wm. [unclear]
Secy of the Treasury,
Washington City

Sept 12 57

The report of the monthly Count made after
the close of that days business is herewith in the hands
of the Treasurer of the Mint the sum of \$2,061,390.89
and following items come \$ 882,176.87

from 1,472,410.53

drawings 9,917.57

Expenses 17.87

Sum \$2,062,592.54

agrees with the balance as shown upon the Account
book of the Mint.

The examination, made at the same time, of the
papers in the hands of the Asst Treasurer M. S. Edwards
the sum of \$746,789.20 in gold and silver coins
is represented with the balance shown upon that
papers book of account.

The actual quarterly examination into
the conduct of the Mint generally gave gratifying
evidence of care and dispatch of the business of
the institution and of attention to the interests of
the government and the public.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,

Yours faithfully, Secy.

James Pickens
Director of the Mint

Wm. S. Edwards
Asst Treasurer

A. Ross Snowden, Esq.
Director of U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.
Dear Sir:

Chief Coiner Office
U. S. Mint,
Philad^a Sep^r 30. 1856

I beg leave to report, that,
during the Months of August and September, the
duties of the operations, connected with the Rolling,
Cutting, Blotening, Coining, and other departments, have
been performed with their usual punctuality & despatch.

I would respectfully
recommend for your Consideration, that, a Copper cover
be made, with a pipe attached, and carried into the
ventilator from the boiler in the blotening room.
This would have the effect of preventing the steam
or vapour from spreading and adhering to the ceiling
and joist of the same. The cost would not be great.
All of which is respectfully submitted.

Geo. H. Philips
Chief Coiner

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

September 30. 1856

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 29th inst. also by the Adams Express Co. of \$ 155,648.89 in Gold Coins, in payment of gold bullion transmitted on the 24th inst. and have placed the same to your credit

Very Respectfully
Yours O^b Serv^t

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treasurer U S Mint
Philadelphia.

Wm. J. Egan
Treasurer.

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
October 8th 1856

Mr: Daniel Sturgeon
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia
Sir

Your letter of the 1st was duly
received and its Contents have been Considered -
I am unwilling to Contribute in any way to
unnecessary changes in the mode of doing business
in any branch of the Public Service Connected
with the public accounts; and would not
interpose any objection in the Matter involved
in our Correspondence, if I thought the interests
of the United States was secure in the present
mode of doing the business - My astonishment
is that, unauthorized agents, have uniformly
accounted for the money Confided to them -
I have no doubt the United States would

be held bound to pay the principal for the money delivered to another person without authority —

My Messenger uniformly deposits my money with a banker, but he has no right from that

Circumstance to withdraw it — It seems to me that the Cases put by you are not analogous —

An Executor or Administrator stands instead of the deceased, and is the party to be dealt with in respect to the personal assets, — So in regard to a Trustee, he is the person to be dealt with in all matters Connected with his trust, —

But an agent Can only be dealt with to the extent of the authority exhibited by him — If a man deposits money for another, the evidence of his agency is the possession of the money and his admission; but the agency so evidenced is executed and exhausted with the deposit —

If the agency Continue so as to authorize him to withdraw the deposit, the evidence to substantiate that fact must be exhibited — If a man

deposite as agent it does not follow that he can also withdraw the deposite — If a man deposite as Executor, or Administrator or Trustee, he must be recognized as the party having the exclusive Control — The Convenience of individuals must be regarded as subordinate to that of the Government, and be overlooked when embarrassment to public business might ensue from deferring to it

The possession of money or bullion as a mere naked fact, is prima facie evidence of ownership; but when the Circumstances disclose that the ownership is in another person, as is the Case with money in the hands of a Cashier, Clerk, &c. or where the Contrary is made manifest as where bullion is deposited by an agent in the name of a third person, as is the fact in the Case under Consideration, such possession being for a special purpose ceases when the trust is discharged — After that the agent has no more right to receive the value of the bullion

in money than any other person, without being
duly authorized — If a person has been in the
habit of sending bullion by an express agent,
and if the agent has been in the habit of receiving
the money for it when its value was ascertained,
and that was approved by the principal, in
such case the power would be inferred, as is
the case when a servant procures goods of a
Merchant, and they have been paid for on settle-
ment

Yours Respectfully,
Elisha Whittelsey.

Comptroller

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
September 30th 1856.

Daniel Sturgeon Esqr
Treasurer of the U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia, Penn.
Sir.

Your favor of the 27th inst.
in reply to mine of the 26th is at hand. Every
deposit made in the Mint is carefully examined
and compared in this Office and as the
right of one person to receipt for another with-
out special authority is not recognized, it seems
superfluous to enter upon the record the names
of any but the person who makes the deposit,
he being the party alone upon whom any re-
sponsibility rests.

You will therefore save this Office much
labor of examination and correspondence, by taking
a receipt simply from the bona fide depositor,
without reference to the party for whose
benefit the deposit is made, unless special
authority accompanies the receipt, when a
different course is pursued.

Most Sincerely

Yours

Eliza Whittier
Comptroller.

Delaware County Branch

STATE BANK OF OHIO.

Delaware, O., 30 September 1856.

Director of State Mint

Philadelphia Pa

De Sir

Enclosed find \$190.

\$11579 our debt on account of Mfg.
for which please send me by Express \$1000, in one cent pieces and \$90 in three cent pieces. Should there be any discount upon our debt or charges upon the coin please deduct the amount from the remittance.

Very respectfully

S. Moore Jr

\$100-89 5-3

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189.5-3

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R. P. Linacman 1895-2

Banking House of John A. Haver & Co

October 8, 6.

Sir,

Your favor of the 30th ult? enclosing
draft for \$100, was duly received. The draft had
been collected and the proceeds returned to
you this day per Adams Express? as follows:

100.00	
Chas. W. Hines	19.52
	<u>119.52</u>
Chas. W. Hines	47
	<u>119.00</u>

I am very respectfully,
Yours for the Director of the Mint.

J. H. Hines & Co.
Care of J. H. Hines
Cincinnati, Ohio

WM. A. HERRON
J. D. HERRON

WM. A. HERRON
J. D. HERRON

Banking House of Wm. A. Herron & Co.

Corner of Wood and Sixth Streets.

DEALERS IN EXCHANGE, TIME BILLS, COIN, BANK NOTES AND LAND WARRANTS.

Pittsburgh, Sept 24th 1856

Hon. S. Sturgeon
Treas.

Dear Sir:

Please find herewith
California Gold. for proceeds you will
Send us your Certificate of Deposit.
& oblige

Yours truly

Wm. A. Herron & Co
per A. Dunn.

Laurelton Sept 27. 1836.

Dear J. H. Sturges Esq.
Care of W. & W. Smith.

Sir,

We have
received your favor of the
25th inst. - enclosing check
for \$1047⁷²/₁₀₀ for our bill
of platelets. \$1049⁷²/₁₀₀ -

We now enclose inst. of
22 kegs platelets, shipped
for Sch. Albert Field - which
we think will be delivered
next week - Your order for
40 kegs. will be promptly
made -
Yours Very Respectfully
Charles D. Smith

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
September 26th 1856.

Daniel Sturgess Esqr
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia, Penna.
Sir,

In the examination of
your Gold & Silver Bullion account for the 2^d quarter
1856, I find many deposits made and receipt-
ed in this way, viz:

"Jno A. Bell for Jno Stewart" "Jno A.
Bell for Mr. M. Eddies. Please state if Mr
Bell is a clerk to these parties, and why a
power of attorney is not filed with the warrants.

Deposit No. 606. by J. M. Harrison for
Thomas Quigley, receipted J. M. H. for Thomas
Quigley & Co.

Most Sincerely
Yours

Oliver Wittercy
Comptroller.

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

Septem 24. 1856

Sir

As per receipt and my statement enclosed, I have this day transmitted by the Adams Express Co. Three boxes, containing 31. Fine gold bars, weighing 7,630.89 of the net value of \$155,648.89 being the entire amount deposited (in small sums) for coins, since my last transmission, which owing to the limited state of the War Fund, I have deemed it advisable to retain in this office.

I will thank you to acknowledge the receipt, and pay for the same in Double Eagles.

It will be desirable to have the account closed before the termination of the present quarter.

Daniel Stinson Esq
Treas. U S Mint

Very Respectfully
Yours at Ser

Wm. J. Clegg
Treasurer

10/11/1910

I will be pleased to have the account
 and pay for the same in Cash.
 I will thank you to acknowledge the receipt
 of the same. It is desired to retain in the office.
 which owing to the limited state of the fund
 (small fund) for Cash, force my last transmission
 of \$100.00 being the entire amount deposited in
 the fund, amounting to \$100.00 of the net value of
 the fund. I have the cash transmitted to the
 office for receipt and my statement in

Wm Lloyd Garrison

James M. Smith

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

N. Y. H. Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.
Three Boxes containing 7430.89 Ozs. Gold Bullion.
" " " Silver "
Parcel " "
Amounting in Net value to \$155,648.89
One hundred & fifty five thousand, Six
hundred & forty eight 89/100 Dollars —
which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint, at Philadelphia at Fifty
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.
New York, Sept 24 1856.
For Adams Express Co. J. A. Parker

U.S.M. Sept 24 1886

John P. Brown Esq

Dear Sir,

Your communication of July 18, with accompanying papers, was received yesterday; and I write to return you my thanks for your attention. - The subject of the paper currency in foreign lands is but little understood ~~here~~ or studied here, being local & limited in its ~~interest~~ ^{scope}; whereas we have a direct interest in ~~understanding~~ ^{knowing} the gold and silver money, which finds its way everywhere, for currency or recoinage. Yet the paper circulation has such a powerful bearing upon the metallic, that it is really desirable to become better acquainted with it; at least, to have a general idea of the policy of every civilized country, in that matter. I should be very well pleased to have an ~~exhibition~~ exhibit, in our Mint Cabinet, the paper bills, especially of the lowest denominations, of European countries; and ~~wherever you~~ perhaps it may be convenient for you, to send a sample, of Russian, Grecian, or Austrian paper money, of small value.

As you have a numismatic taste, Mr Dubois
would like to give you some details of a Cufic
collection, lately brought to us from Mosul, by
a returning American missionary; and I therefore
leave him space for a postscript.

Yours truly, W

No. 74.

Thirty one Fine Gold Bars
transmitted to the U. S. Mint, in pursuance
of the Act of March 1855, by John J. Cisco,
Treasurer of the U. S. Assay Office, New York.

(1856.) Three Boxes #1 @ 3: containing ord. dec
Sept. 24. 25 Bars #3135 @ 3146 } Weight 6,182.24 @ 99 1/2 f.
3148 @ 3150
3171 @ 3183.

1 " #3088. " 245.36 @ 99 2.
5 " #3052 @ 3054 3067 3077. " 1,203.29 @ 99 2 1/2 f.

7,630.89

Stand. wt. 8408.169 ^{oz. dec} Gross Value \$156,431.05
Deduct for Coinage 782.16

Net Value \$155,648.89

U. S. Army Office,

New-York, Sept 24 1856

Sir,

In reply to your letter of
yesterday, I have the honor to enclose
a statement of the condition of the
Fallon Fund of this Office on the
30th day of August 1856.

Very Respectfully

Saml F. Buttumuth

Jas Ross Snowden Esqr.

Director do.

Saml

Received, Philad: Sept 24, 1866 from
the Hon J. Ross Snowden Director of the
Mint of the U. S. & Packages containing
100 Silver and 50 Copper Medals
belonging to the Pennsylvania State
Agricultural Society

Conrad Bardon
Per. Wm Perry

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, September 23rd 1856.

Sir,

I have to request that you ^{will} furnish me with a statement showing the amount of Bullion Funds in the assay office; ~~showing the same applicable to the payment of deposits for Coinage, and deposits for bars, and how it is distributed, that is to say, the amount in gold coin in the hands of the Treasurer and the amount in bars in the hands of the Treasurer.~~ Also the amount of gold Bullion in the hands of the Melters & Refiners. And a similar statement as to silver.

Please also state the amount applicable to the payment of deposits for Coinage, and the amount of the bar fund.

This statement I ~~wish to~~ ^{wish to} have as soon as you can have it prepared;

and, in the monthly statements which will hereafter be made you will please state the amount of your Bullion fund, and what part is applicable to the payments ~~of~~ in fine bars & to deposits for Coinage.

September 23, 6.

Sir,

I have to request that you will furnish me with a statement showing the amount of Bullion Fund in the Assay Office; and how it is distributed, that is to say, the amount of gold coins in the hands of the Treasurer and the amount in bars in his hands. Also the amount of gold bullion in the hands of the Melted & Refiner. And a similar statement as to Silver.

Please also state the amount applicable to the payment of deposits for coinage, and the amount of the bar fund.

This statement will be desired of receiving as soon as you can have it prepared; and in your monthly statements you will hereafter please state the amount of your bullion fund, and what part is applicable to the payments in fine bars and to deposits for coinage.

Sam. J. Bottomwell Esq.
Asst. Secy. of the
Mint, New York.

Very respectfully,

Director of the Mint.

September 22 6.

I have to request that you will please
cause to be transmitted to the Mint the amount of
given in the Pay Office which has been deposited
for coinage.

I am, very respectfully,
Yours ob^d servant,

Sam. R. Jackson.
Director of the Mint.

Sam. J. Patterson Esq
Sup^r Pay Office
New York.

Farmers' Bank of Tennessee,

Knoxville, Sept 19th 1856

Mrs J. Robt. Swanger
 Supt. U. S. Mint
 Philadelphia Pa

Dear Sir:

Your favor of the

is received, with enclosure I enclose for returns in
 Silver Change, by Express

my ck \$1501 on Metropolitan Bk, N.Y. \$1012

& J. Lewis cas. \$345 on Philad. Bk, 1000 \$2012

Please send the change in two bags \$1000- in
 each, and put in each bag as follows, \$500. Quarters
 \$300- dimes & \$200- half dimes. You will please
 pay the Expressage with the \$12- as I have made
 a contract with the Express agt, at this place
 to bring Silver from your city at \$6- per m.

I expect Drexel & Co will cash my ck
 on N.Y. Please send the change as quick
 as possible

Respectfully &c
 H. J. Phelps
 Cas.

Sept. 25. 6.

Sir,

I have sent you to day per Express Two
Thousand dollars in Silver coin (\$1000 in Quarters,
\$600 in Dimes & \$400 in half dimes) being proceeds of
the two drafts enclosed in your letter of 19th inst.
less \$12 paid Express &c. for freight to your City
as per your direction. Enclosed you will find
a receipt therefor.

I am very respectfully,

Samuel R. Bowdler.

Clerk of the Mint

W. J. Phelps Esq. Cashr,
Farmers Loan & Trust Co.
Providence,
R.I.

Minist of the United States

Chgo. - 1 - 19 Sept 1856

Sir,

Herewith I transmit a copy of the Journal Entries, Summary & for the accounts at your Unit, 2nd Qu '55 as revised here, and also a copy of a letter to the first Auditor in respect to them, which will explain the differences of your account of the same transmitted. Referring to the latter for details, I will not repeat my account for the Discrepancies found since then examined, and the discrepancies left open in the 2nd Qu. have been adjusted, so that an exact conformity is obtained in the balances of bullion & coinage; and I may, I trust, feel a confident assurance that no further serious trouble will be experienced.

You will perceive that the propriety of adjusting the unparted bar account, chgs & through the Deposit Account is not conceded. In fact, I find you do not carry out, to its proper results, your own theory on this point; since on referring to the Ledger Abstract of the Deposit Account nothing is entered to show its connection with the Gold & Silver Bullion contained in Chgs & I retain my opinion that the latter accounts should be discharged through Coinage, for chgs & realized, Profit & loss for deductions and bullion unrealized: charging Silver P. & L. ~~the~~ silver loss, as it should be for all silver wastage.

Wm. P. Lott, Supt.

San Francisco.

Very Respectfully

Samuel R. Jones, Jr. Auditor.

Director

P.S. - Please forward promptly a statement of unparted bar, deposits from chgs & in continuation of what

(Copy)

Sir,

Philad. 12 Sept. 1856

I transmit to you this day, by the Adams Express Company, the accounts and abstracts for the Branch Mint, Cal^o. to May 7th 1855, as prepared here, and also the accounts as forwarded from the Treasurer to this office.

Such delay has taken place in completing the examination here, caused mainly by an anxiety to present the accounts so as to conform to the balances as stated at the Branch Mint. This has not been found practicable, as you will perceive by a comparison of the respective balance sheets; but these differences have proceeded from a misapprehension or oversight at the Branch Mint, the causes of which are in most cases clear, and which leave no doubt of the accuracy of the revised accounts now forwarded to you. With a view, however, to verify this conviction, you will perceive that a summary statement has been prepared, covering the whole transactions at this Branch, in bullion and coin, from the commencement of its operations to the close of the accounts now transmitted, the balances of which summary coincide with those found by the summary for the quarter.

It may, however, be satisfactory to you that an explanation should be presented of the differences which are found in the balances of the accounts as prepared here, and at the Branch Mint. This I will now endeavor to do.

1. Gold Bullion. - In this account the difference, in ounces, is 10.810. Of this amount, 10.810 arises from a mistake, at the Branch Mint, in crediting Gold Bullion with the standard of chips from bars, deposited and realized in coin. The deposits were, 227, 8, 9, 1851-2-33, weighing 290.668 ounces standard, but which were only credited by the Treasurer at 288.058; difference, as mentioned, 10.810. Add .030 for excess charged, at Branch Mint, at the standard of gold deposited, and the difference of 10.840 is accounted for.

2. Silver Bullion. In this account, the balance charged by the account here is in excess 77.82.97. The Branch Mint has claimed a credit for this amount as silver in reports of ships &c. The data on which this claim is based are not clearly understood; and so far as they are so, the principle adopted in the adjustment of the losses through the unparted loss does not appear to be correct or convenient. Under the circumstances, it seems proper that the credit be disallowed, or passed over to the succeeding quarter, when the unparted loss account will be definitely adjusted.

3. Gold Coinage. The difference is 5 cents: too inconsiderable to justify the trouble of investigating.

4. Silver Coinage. There is a difference of 1 cent, which arises from an excess of that amount in the stated value, at the Branch Mint, of silver deposits paid.

5. Silver Profit & Loss. The difference is \$1068.06. In the Branch Mint accounts, silver wastage is charged to Profit & Loss; in the accounts prepared here, to Silver Profit & Loss, whence the difference in the Balances.

6. 7... Gold & Silver Coins for Alloy. In these accounts the balances agree.

8. U.S. Bullion Account. Balances correspond.

9. Unpaid Depositors. The difference is 9 cents, apparently due to inadvertence in entering the balance of Jan. 1, at the commencement of the account prepared at the Branch Mint.

10. Bullion Profit & Loss. The difference is \$6.15, which arises from a credit of this amount, at the Branch Mint, to verify an alleged error in the abstract of 2nd Jan. 54. In the absence of the calculation abstract, and in view of the fact that the credit can now only be allowed through a corresponding charge to Profit & Loss, it is not deemed expedient to admit it.

11. Profit & Loss. The difference is \$949.09. This is explained as follows. The Branch Mint account has been debited with silver wastage \$1054.91, charged in the revised account to Silver Profit & Loss.

... all deleted with \$271.15 as loss on chips from
unreported bars, to close of 1st. qu. '55. In the revised account
(for readers mentioned in the preceding page under the head of
Silver Bullion), the adjustment of the unreported bar account
is deferred, and is settled only to the close of the 3rd quarter '54, by
an allowance of \$66.57, in the nature of wastage. The excess
charged as loss at the Branch Mint will therefore be \$204.64, which added to the silver wastage gives \$1259.05 to
this add \$6.00, charged to correct a credit for a supposed error
and underpayment in 3rd. qu. '54 (but which underpayment, as it
stands supported by the vouchers forwarded must be taken as a
fact), and we have \$1265.05 as an excess charged at the Branch
Mint over the op. at the U.S. Mint. On the other hand the
Branch Mint account is credited with \$180.86 as a gain on unrep.
ed bars, not allowed for the readers before stated; also with \$87.24
to correct a supposed error in a former charge to this account for
deductions on deposits of chips of from unreported bars, but which
charge was entirely correct. It fails to charge \$81.76 as further de-
ductions of the same kind included in the same account. The total of the
excess credited, including the last item, is \$268.12, which deducted from the above
excess of \$1265.05 deleted, gives \$996.93, which amount varies from \$944.42 as the
difference between the Branch Mint balance & that found hereby the sum of
\$52.51. This is a record of a great variety of small items, wherein the accounts differ,
for the explanation of which would be tedious & tedious.

I should mention that the vouchers for the transfers of deductions to the ordinary
life, and of gain from the Bullion Fund, were not received. It is probable they have been
forwarded to the Department in connection with statements of the ordinary Bullion
Fund. You will find it necessary, in auditing the account, to refer to the two statements
relative thereto which were forwarded with the preceding bull-
ion account.

I hope in the course of a few days to transmit the account of a new
...ing quarter.

Thos. L. Smith, Esq.
First Auditor Washington

Very respectfully yours

(signed) James Duff Chandler
Assistant

New York 9 mo 18 1856

Daniel Sturgeson Esq
Philadelphia
Esteemed Friend

We have now to acknowledge
the receipt of six casks copper coin on acc of Grocker
Bros & Co.

We have orders for about two
thousand dollars in cents and would thank thee to
let us have an early shipment

Respectfully
Willetts & Co

Treasury Department,
First Auditor's Office,
Sept. 17, 1856.

Sir:

By a decision of the Secretary of the Treasury, per diem compensation for Sundays is only allowed to Superintendents of Public Buildings and their clerks. — In order therefore, to a proper examination of your accounts to 30 June last, (now under examination) I will thank you to forward the rolls, for time charged in the following vouchers, or vouchers exhibiting the commencement and ending of time therein charged — Viz

In April 1856. Nos 4, 8, 9, 10, 14, 17, 19 & 24.

" May " " 14, 16, 17, 22, 25, 28 & 29.

" June " " 2.

The same will be required for all similar vouchers subsequently rendered, or to be rendered by you.

(Very) respectfully, Geo.

H. Smith
1st Auditor

Daniel Sturgeon, Esq.
Treasurer U. S. Mint,
Philadelphia.

CP No 4.
Corn Barger

March 2 - Kansas		1 1/2 Days
3-3	"	3
4-4	"	4
5-4	"	4
6-4	"	4
7-4	"	4
8-4	"	4
10-4	"	4
11-4	"	4
12-4	"	4
13-4	"	4
14-4	"	4
15-4	"	4
17-4	"	4
18-5	"	5
19-6	"	6
20-4	"	4
21-5	"	5
22-6	"	5 3/4
24-6	"	6
25-6	"	6
26-5	"	5
27-6	"	6
28-6	"	6
29-6	"	6
31-5	"	5
		<u>118 1/4</u>

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

Septem 16. 1856

Sir I will thank you to furnish me with
the form of bond adopted at the Mint, as required
by the Department from the Clerks in this office.
Such form was transmitted to the Supt in
July 1855. but owing to the absence of Mr Daw-
ning, it cannot now be found.

James Ross Snowden Esq
Director U.S. Mint

Very Resp^{ly}
Yours or Sd.
John J. Wiley
Treasurer

Sept. 7. 6.

Sir,

In compliance with the request
contained in your favor of yesterday,
I enclose herewith the form of bond
adopted for the blanks of our several
Minting establishments.

I am, very respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servt.

Wm. B. Snowden.
Director of the Mint

John A. Bisco Esq.
Treasurer U.S. Assay Office
N.Y.

Clark County Bank,

Hertzler, Harrison & Co

Springfield, O.

Sept 3^d 1856

J. A. Snowden Esq
Phila^a

Dear Sir:

We wrote you under date _____ with enclosures
Are in receipt of your favor of 9th inst. Enclosed find for Credit.
The Coin is received, & he enquired in a post
-Crisp about Ant. money authorized, which
you have not ~~received~~ to. if ready for
delivery we will forward funds for a Reg
please advise

Yours Truly

~~Wm. H. Harrison~~
W. H. Harrison

Answered in Negative
17th Sept. 1856.

Treasury Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurers Department,

September 12. 1856.

Sir I am in receipt of your letter of the
11th inst. enclosing a pay Mem^o of Silver bullion
transmitted on the 9th. also by the Adams Ex-
press Co. of Silver Coins, amounting to \$18,983.02
in payment thereof, with which your account
has been duly credited.

Very Resp^{ly}
your obt Serv^t

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treas^r U.S. Mint
Philadelphia.

Wm. J. May
Treasurer.

Treasury of the United States,

Sept. 13, 1856.

Sir:

Enclosed you will receive ----- Treasury Draft
payable to your order. Please date and sign the accompanying
receipt, and return it to this office by the first mail; and cause the
draft to be presented for payment without delay.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

S. CASEY,

Treasurer of the United States.

J. R. Snowden Esq.

No. 2012 = \$15,000

N. B.—The payee of a Treasury draft, when he endorses it, or, presenting it for payment, receipts it, should write his name thereon as it is written in the draft or in the endorsement that assigns it to him, taking care to AFFIX his official or representative style or title, if it be written in the draft or in said endorsement. An endorsement by a MARK should be attested by two subscribing witnesses; if by a substitute, it must be accompanied by evidence of the substitution, except in the case of president and cashier of a bank or other institution.



Philadelphia Sept 25 1856
Medal Award Dr. D. Clinton

Mr. George R. Clinton

To GEO. MEGEE & CO., Dr.,

Nos. 9 & 11 Branch Street,

above Third, between Race and Vine.

To Cash. Duplicate
\$404

11240

"Penn. State Agric. Socy" Received Payment

Geo. Megue & Co.

Please send a duplicate bill receipt

Copy

The Head Fund of the Mint of the United States

Is

To James C. Booth Minter and Refiner of the Mint
for
Gold & Silver Bullion furnished from my Dept
as follows

1866
Sept 18th Aug 31.69 Gold 991 fine for the United States Mint = 312.60 Standard 8792.56
Sept 6th Aug 31.63 Silver 999 fine " " " " = 314.76 Standard 8743.44
" " " 16.45 " 996 " " " " = 314.00 " " 8746.26
" " " 10.93 " 996 " " " " = 312.09 " " 8745.11
Sum 523.44

Received from the Hon. J. P. Buchanan Director of the
Mint U. S. Forty Two 1/2 fine ounces Standard Gold, and
Nine Hundred and Twenty Three 1/100 ounce Standard
Silver in Exchange for the above Bullion

J. C. Booth
Minter

THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO., 116 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO.'S
GREAT
Eastern, Western & Southern Express.



Received of Philadelphia, Sept. 12th 1856
Wm James R. Snowden

which serial to contain

Director of U. S. Mint

MARKED

One Box (Containing Models)

Assay & Drawing Exp
Secy U.S. Charitable Mechanics Assn
Boston Mass

To be forwarded as addressed: THE EXPRESS COMPANY not to be held responsible for any loss or damage arising from fire, railroad accidents, ocean or river navigation, etc., UNLESS SPECIALLY INSURED BY THEM, AND SO SPECIFIED IN THIS RECEIPT.

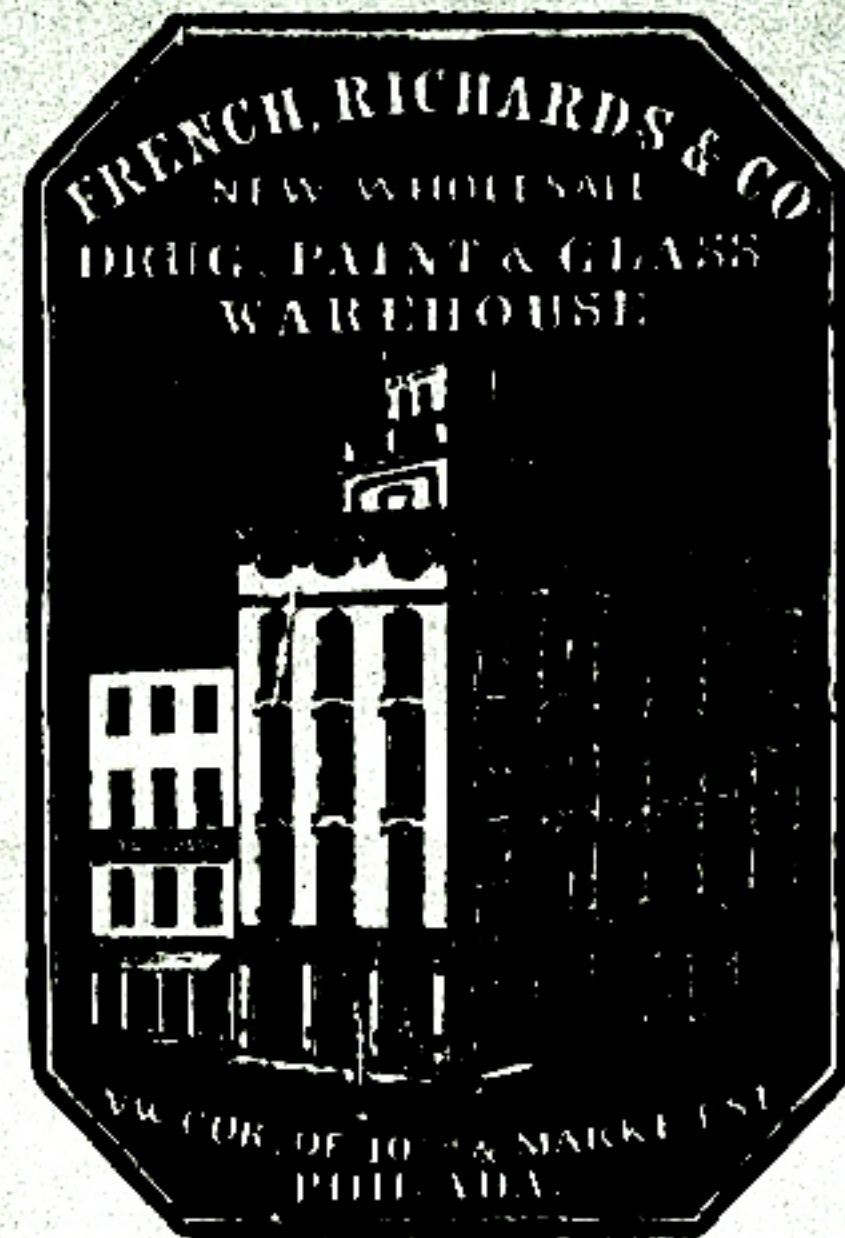
Freight, _____

Insurance, _____

FOR THE PROPRIETORS,

Jm A. Bee

CRAIG, PRINTER, 116 CHESTNUT ST., OVER THE EXPRESS OFFICE.



Importers of
Plate Glass,
French Cylinder Glass,
English "
Drugs and Chemicals,
Rough Plate Glass Tiles,
Colored Window Glass.

Wholesale Dealers in
Druggists' Articles, generally,
Varnishes of all descriptions,
Oiled and Lead Plaster,
Hydraulic and Roman Cement,
Dyers' Materials,
Paper Makers' Clay, Satin White.

Manufacturers of
Premium Pure Lead,
Kensington "
Chrome Greens and Yellows,
And Colors, generally,
Burning Fluid and Camphene,
Putty, etc. etc.

Agents for
Porter's Alkaline Window Glass,
French Zinc Paints,
Tilden & Nephew's N. Y. Varnishes,
Silver's Plastic Paints,
Hampton Permanent Greens,
Condensed Potash.

Philadelphia Sept 12th 1856
Wm. S. Mint
Bought of **FRENCH, RICHARDS & Co.**
WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS,

STORE, Corner of Tenth and Market Streets,
FACTORY, Corner of York Avenue and Callowhill streets,

ALL DEDUCTIONS, or claims for allowance, of any kind, must be made within three
days after delivery, otherwise they will not be allowed in the settlement.

TERMS:

WHOLESALE AGENTS FOR THE
NEW JERSEY ZINC CO'S
Paints.
MANUFACTURERS OF
PREM. PURE LEAD.
KENSINGTON PURE LEAD.

1 Paper Dry Gumwhite Lamp White
1 Paper White
\$16.00
By W. B. Bloom

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Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia, September 12, 1856.

~~Samuel Brewster Esq. Treasurer &c. Boston.~~

~~At sight pay~~

~~to the order of ^{Esq.} George C. Comings Cashr. Fifteen Hundred
and Fifty Dollars in full of bill for Medals.~~

~~1350-~~

Director of the Mint

Muse Time Account

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1856

Rebilled 267 Little's 1/2

June 2 By Museum for Materials for manufacturing
 Fine Green Mosaic for Yale College - Virginia \$27.52
Purchased nos 1 and 3 Labor 3.70 - 31.22

Aug 19 By Museum for Materials for manufacturing
 no fine green 20 fine stone & 70 copies Printed Com
 M.C. Perry Mosaic: Fine Green \$142.52
 Fraction 107.96
 Copy 13.40
 Labor 65.60
Purchased nos 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 M.C. 3.00 - 339.28

June 6 By Museum for Materials for manufacturing
 22 Copies (13 used) Perry Mosaic Copies \$4.80
 Labor 14.30
Purchased nos 1, 2, 3, 4 & 7 M.C. 3.00 - 23.68

June 16 By Museum for Materials for manufacturing
 200 Fine Stone Copy of "Boston" Mosaic
 100 copies \$107.68
 100 copies 14.80
 M.C. 1.00
Purchased nos 2, 3 & 1 173.48 537.96

June 30 Balance to Muse Time 1044.97
 1664.90

Witness of the U.S.S. June 30, 1856
 James Ross Anderson
 Director

September 11. 6.

Sir,
I present herewith a statement of the
"Medal Fund Account" for the quarter ending June 30, 1856,
and enclose vouchers for the items charged therein.
The statement exhibits a balance of \$1031.97 to the credit
of said account.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

James Ross Snowden.

Director, U.S. Mint.

Hon. James Guthrie,
Sec. of the Treasury,
Washington, D.C.

Lifford Sep 11th 86

Treas. of U. S. Mint

Sir

Will you do
me the favour to say what was
the Amount total of Money paid
by you to the Order of Wm Gibson or
J. W. Wilson being the amt due
John King (of Australia) for 72 ounces
of Gold deposited in the Mint at
Philadelphia. Will you also please
say how much you allowed per
ounce for said Gold. It is important
in settling up this matter to know
all concerning the amt due John King, and
therefore I hope you will favour
me with the information asked.

Yours &c -

24/96
Jeremiah King.

United States Assay Office

New York, Sept 10. 1856.

Dear Sir,

I enclose a copy of the offer
of Messrs Longman & Sons for 145 Bbls California receipts,
and also a copy of the report of our Assayer upon the same.
Mr Farnum offered to take the whole lot at 95 per ct
of the Assayers valuation. You will perceive that Messrs
Longmans average offer is only about 6 per ct under
the average value by Mr Torrey.

Please inform me whether I shall cause the receipts
to be delivered to Messrs Longman & Sons & in three
separate lots as requested by them.

Very Resply.

Saml F. Butterworth
Supt

Asst Prof Swords Esq
Director

September 11th 6.

Sir,

I have received your favor of yesterday with the enclosed statement.

The offer of Messrs. Langman and Son is quite satisfactory, and you are authorized to accept it. It may be delivered in three separate lots as requested by them.

I will communicate with you to-morrow in respect to the allowance for interest on the loan.

Very Respectfully,
your obt. servant,

Samuel R. Vincent
Director of the Bank

Sam. H. Butterworth Esq.
Capt. Army Office
New-York

Rep. Longmont's offer for 175 lbs California smelt.

Lot A.	0.552	pu lb.	
" B.	0.461	"	
" C.	0.496	"	
" D.	0.560	"	
" E.	0.539	"	
" F.	0.482	"	
" G.	0.476	"	Av. value 0.509

Report of assay of 175 lbs California smelt by
John Correy. Assayer U.S. Assay Office N.Y.

Lot A	0.530	pu lb.	
B	0.494		
C	0.544		
D	0.540		
E	0.572		
F	0.564		
G.	0.544		Av. value 0.541 -

United States Army Office
New York, Sept 10 1856.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to enclose a
Statement of the business of this Office for the month
ending August 30th 1856.

Very Resp^{ly}

Sam^l T. Butterworth
Supt

Asst. Prov. Surgeon Genl.
Director.

This Agreement, made this 9th day of September
Anno Domini, 1856, between the Mint of the
United States, by James Ross Snowden, Director
thereof, and George B. Newton Attorney of
Sharp Leisnering & Co. of the City of Philadelphia
Witnesseth - That it is hereby agreed by and
between the parties hereto that the said
George B. Newton Attorney of Sharp Leisnering
& Co. shall and will furnish and supply
to the Mint of the United States in such
quantities and at such times as he
may be required so to do, between the
first day of July 1856 and thirtieth day
of June 1857 inclusively, the amount of
Buck Mountain Coal (of the lump and Steamboat
sizes) to be entirely free from bone, slate and
other foreign substances, that may be required
by the said institution; to be dry and of good
quality and subject to the inspection and
approval of the Director of the Mint; said
coal to be left at the Mint between the hours
of eight and nine o'clock in the morning
and to be delivered thereat free from all
carting or any other charges whatsoever
at the rate or price of Five dollars and
fifteen cents (\$5.15) per ton of 2240 pounds,
for each and every ton so delivered as aforesaid;
the bills for which shall become due and
payable monthly by the said Mint of
the United States: And for all and every
impure and foreign substance found therein,
deductions shall be made from the said
bills at the rate above fixed, and each
and every ton left otherwise than in

accordance with the regulations above
agreed to shall be subject to refusal and
return - and the Director reserves the right
to determine this contract to be forfeited if
the coal furnished should prove unsatisfactory
as to time and quality. Witness our hands
and seals the day and year first above
written

Witnessed at Liguay
H. B. Linderman

Samuel Pop. Snowden (Seal)
Director of the Mint

Sharpe, Seiseminy (Seal)
J. C. Newton atty

Branch State Bank of Indiana.

Richmond, 9th Month, 9th 1856.

J. A. Snowden, Director of the U.S. Mint, Phila.

Respected Friend:

I enclose herewith my check on New York for Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000) desiring to obtain from the Mint that sum, in Silver Coins, for change, to say \$3,000 in Quarters, and \$3,000 in Halves.

The bags containing the Coins may be sent by the Adams Express Co. to Cincinnati, and forwarded by the American Express Co. from that place to this.

Silver change has been scarce in these parts ever since the disappearance of the old silver: and we want this coin to pay out, in our business, in redemption of our notes, and for the purpose of being diffused as change.

We have recently obtained from the Mint, through the Adams Express Co. and paid out, several thousand Dollars, upon which we paid the transportation charges. The Adams Co. charge \$4. per \$1,000, to Cincinnati, and the American \$1. from thence to this place - \$5. in all.

Allow me to ask, if the Director will not feel willing to relieve us of this burden, by paying a part, or all, the expenses of transportation? If he can, we shall be thankful: but if not, we wish the Coin to be sent to us, and we will pay the expenses here.

We are willing that two or three days be taken to cash
over

the enclosed check, if necessary, The Adams Co.
have heretofore done that for us, without charge, they
having the profits of transportation.

I am, respectfully,

Elijah Coffin Cashier.

Address

"Elijah Coffin, Cashier
Richmond, Indiana."

Mint of the United States.
Phila. Sept. 17, 1888.

Sir,

Your favor of the 9th inst. enclosing check for \$6.00 has been received and that amount returned to you this day per Adams Express Co. in the denomination of silver coin specified in your letter. Enclosed you will find their receipt for the same.

With respect to the payment of the expenses of transportation, I have to state that the Mint does not in any case pay such expenses. The proposition for the Mint to pay a part or all of the ^{on the transportation} expenses of silver coin furnished in exchange for gold coin, is respectfully declined.

I am, very respectfully,

Director of the Mint

Elija Coffin Esq. Cash,
Branch State Bank of Indiana,
Richmond,
Indiana

Assay Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

September 9. 1856.

Sir

Enclosed you have receipt, and my
Statement of seven boxes, containing 70 fine silver
bars, weighing gross 13,964.63 ozs. of the value at \$1.22
per St. oz. of \$ 18,967.95 transmitted this day by the
Adams Express Co. The receipt of which you will
please acknowledge, and remit in payment, as follows.

In Quarter Dollars. \$ 10,967.95

Tenms, 5,000.00

Half " 3,000.00 = \$ 18,967.95

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt.

Daniel Strongen Esq
Treas. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm. J. C. Wier
Treasurer.

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 73

Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.

Box containing
From " " 13 964 63 of Gold Bullion,
Parcel " Silver "

Amounting in Net value to \$18,964.95
Eighteen Thousand Nine Hundred,
Sixty Seven 1/100 dollars

which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.

New York, Sept 9, 1856

For Adams Express Co. [Signature]

Pittsburg Sept 9th 1856

J. Ross Snowden Esq

Dear Sir

The Treasurer of the Penna State
Agricultural Society has just informed
me that he has placed in your
hands the money with which to
strike the medals for said Society.

Will you be good enough to have
them struck at the earliest moment
as it is desirable to have them in
the hands of the engraver at an
early day. In haste very
truly yours

Robt C. Walker
Secy

Penna State Agr Society

Sept 11, 1856.

Reply that orders
have been given for
early striking
of the medals
for Penna State Agr Socy

Boston Sept 8. 1856

St. R. Linderman Esq

Sir

In reply to
your esteemed favor of the 6th
inst, permit me to say, that
we wish the copper medals sent
without being bronzed. and we
will, after they are engraved,
return them to you, as heretofore,
for bronzing.

Soon as they are all
ready, I will thank you to for-
ward them by Express, securely
packed to my address & your
draft at sight for the amt of
your bill, shall be honored on
presentation

Respectfully Yours &c
Amos Brewster
Darius

Sept 12. 6.

Sir,

The medals ordered by you a short
time since for the Mass. Mechanic Institute
Association have this day been sent
to you per "Atlantic Express."

Pursuant to your letter of the 8th
inst. I have drawn on you at sight
for \$1550, being amount of bill for
said medals. Enclosed is a detailed
bill for the same.

I am very respectfully,
Samuel K. Folger,
Director of the Mint

Comptroller Genl
Treasury
Boston,
Mass.

8th Sept. 6.

Sir,

I transmit herewith a report from the
Superintendent of the U. S. Assay Office N.Y.
exhibiting the results of the usual monthly
examination at that institution on the 30th
ult.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

H. R. Linderman
for the Director of the Mint

Hon James Guthrie,

8th Sept.

6.

Sir,

I transmit herewith a report from the
Superintendent of the M. S. Asylum Office N. Y.
exhibiting the results of the usual monthly
examination at that institution on the 30th
ult.

I have the honor to be,

With great respect,

Your faithful servant,

H. R. Linderman
for the Directors of the Asylum

Hon James Guthrie,

Secy. of the Treasury
Washington City

6th Sept. 6.

Sir

The medals ordered by you some few weeks since for the Mass. Mech. charitable association are nearly finished. It is customary not to have copper medals bronzed until after they have been engraved. As I have not received any instructions from you on this point, I am at a loss to know whether to have them bronzed before sending them to you or not. I shall be pleased to hear from you on the point presented.

I am, very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

for the Director of the Mint,

Wm. Brewster Esq
Treas. Mass. M. C. Ass.
Boston Mass.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Register's Office, September 4th, 1856.

Sir:

I have the honor to request that the usual estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1858, may be prepared at your office, and transmitted to this, as early as convenient, for the purpose of being laid by the Secretary of the Treasury, before Congress at the ensuing session. I would invite your particular attention to the second section of the act of 17th of June, 1844, and to the joint resolution of 7th January, 1846, relating to estimates to be laid before Congress, & Act of March 3^d 1835.

You are requested to send the estimates on foolscap paper, with margins of at least one inch in width, that the same may be bound in volumes in this office.

I have the honor to be,

Your obedient servant,

H. Bixby

Register of the Treasury.

James A. Snowden Esquire
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

9th Sept. 6.

Gentlemen,

I have to acknowledge
Your favor of the 4th inst with
the enclosed draft for \$2000,
which Amount has this day
been forwarded to you per
Adams Express Co. in the denom-
ination of Silver coin specified
in Your letter. Enclosed you
will find the Express Co. receipt
for the same.

I am, very respectfully,
S. R. Snowden.

Director U.S. Mint

Wm. H. Van Dusen Esq.

Springfield
Ohio.

Clark County Bank,

Hetzler, Harrison & Co.

Springfield, O. Sept 4th 1856
The Director of the Mint
Phila. ~~Pa~~

Dear Sir:

We wrote you under date _____ with enclosures

Are in receipt of your favor of _____ inst. Enclosed find for Credit,

\$181 \$1000 Cash in U.S. & Co. 2,000.00

for which please send us in Silver Coins

Halves 7000 Quarters 5000 Dimes 5000 $\frac{1}{2}$ D. 200 = 2000.00

Expenses of bag deducted.

If any new Cents. (late law) are ready for
delivery, please advise and we will
forward funds for a Keg -

Yours Resply

Hetzler Harrison & Co

per J. A. Jye

THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO., 116 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO.'S
GREAT
Eastern, Western & Southern Express.

~~Pro. = 10~~

Philadelphia,

Sept 9 1856

Received of

U. S. Mint

Two bags

and said to contain

Two thousand

Dollars

MARKED

Hertzler Hardware Co
Cincinnati Ohio

To be forwarded as addressed: THE EXPRESS COMPANY not to be held responsible for any loss or damage arising from fire, railroad accidents, ocean or river navigation, etc., UNLESS SPECIALLY INSURED BY THEM, AND SO SPECIFIED IN THIS RECEIPT.

Freight,

Insurance,

FOR THE PROPRIETORS,

J. M. Bell

CRAIG, PRINTER, 116 CHESTNUT ST., OVER THE EXPRESS OFFICE.

United States Assay Office
New York, Sept. 14, 1856.

Sir,

I transmit enclosed my report to the
Department of the monthly examination, made on
the 30th ult., of the funds of the Treasurer
of this Office.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servt.,

Saml. J. Butterworth

Supl

Hon. J. R. Marden,
Director of the Mint.

Treasury Office of the United States, New-York,
Treasurer's Department,

September 3rd 1856

Sir

Your letter of the 2nd inst. is rec^d.
inclosing a May Order of Silver Bullion transmitted
on the 29th ult.; also by the Adams Express Co
\$20. 146. 96 in Silver Coins, and Credit given you
for that amount.

Daniel Strongman Esq
Treas^r U. S. Mint
Phil^a

Very Resp^{tly}
Yours O^b Serv^t

Wm. J. Cullen
Treasurer

Treasury Department

First Auditors Office

September 8th 1856

Hon. Nathl. Sturgeson
Treasurer and Mint
Philadelphia

Sir:

I have this day Transmitted
to the 1st Comptroller of the Treasury your Bulletin of
2^d Quarter 1856 for his decision Thereon

Very Respectfully

Your Obedt Servt

J. K. Smith

Auditor

Melbourne, Victoria,
Australia, Sept. 3/56

To the Manager
of the United States Mint
Philadelphia

Sir) About the month of Oct^r
1853, I caused to be forwarded to the United
States Mint Philadelphia through Messrs
Adams & Co then carrying on Business
in this Colony, One Hundred ounces Gold
Dust, and for it to be placed to my Credit
at the Mint —

About 6 months after I borrowed
Thirty Pounds Sterling of Mr G. W. Maycock
then acting as Agent for Adams & Co
at Sandhurst (or as formerly called Bendigo)
upon which transaction as security
I handed over to the above Mr. G. W. Maycock
the Gold Receipt No 36 of Messrs Adams & Co
for the above Gold (100 ounces) they received
from "or from the Treasury here in my
name)" for them to forward to the Mint
Philadelphia & place to my Credit
Freight & Insurance paid to New York

and signed on behalf of Adams & Co.
by Mr. Cobble —

On the back of the above Receipt
No 36, I wrote as follows — "Pay G. W. Haycock
Thirty Pounds and dated some time in
the beginning of March or latter end of
Feb^y 1854, and upon my delivering the above
Gold Receipt No 36, to Mr. G. W. Haycock
I received a receipt from him for the
above named ^{Gold} receipt No 36, which I now
hold —

The Gold Receipt No 36 G. W. Haycock
agreed to return to me on payment of the
above Thirty pounds borrowed of him

Now Adams & Co have given up
Business here some considerable time
of which I was quite unaware until my
return to Town last Week — And
also W. G. W. Haycock has disappeared
from the Colony in a very suspicious
manner leaving liabilities to a very great amount

My object in writing to you
is to know if the Mint has received
the 100 ounces of Gold of Receipt No 36 and
whether it has been placed to my Credit

and also if W. G. W. Haycock or any other
person can obtain it from the Mint
upon the production of the Gold Receipt
No 36, which W. G. W. Haycock now holds
from me as security for the above Thirty
Pounds borrowed of G. W. Haycock —

Again should the Gold have
been forwarded to the Mint, I must
request if it be still there that it be
"Not paid" nor handed over to any
individual soever as I shall return
to Philadelphia as soon as I receive an
answer from the Mint in reference
to the above —

I have never assigned any
of the Gold to any person or any Cash
to be paid out of it "excepting" the
above Thirty pounds —

Should any person or persons
present themselves for the payment of the
Gold or Value, they will do so without
my authority and I request you to refuse
payment save & except the above Thirty
Pounds sterling to G. W. Haycock —

Any instructions or advice relative
to the above Business & whether ^{it} be necessary
to make myself known to any persons here
officially, before my leaving for Philadelphia
or any thing that may be requisite for me
to do I shall be obliged by your informing
me of it immediately, and all communications
please direct to me, James Alexander,
Care of United States Consulate
Melbourne
Victoria, Australia

Your kind & prompt attention to
the above Business & earliest answer
will greatly oblige

Yr
Your Obedt Servt
James Alexander

The Monthly count of monies in the hands
of the Treasurer - of the Miners made at the close
of this days business exhibition

In four books

January 31. 6.

Sir,

Your letter of 30th of September last has been received. In reply I have to state that a deposit of gold dust weighing 2500 grains was made at the Mint on the 30th day of January 1854, by J. B. Hunt for that time the Mint agent of Adams & Co. for James Alexander, and it is about the same as deposit referred to in your letter. This deposit has not been paid by the Mint, and I have given instructions for payment to be ~~made~~ withheld until your return to this city. The Mint receipt given at the time the deposit was made, is in the hands of the Adams Express Co. in this city, and it will only be necessary for you on your arrival here, to identify yourself to insure payment for your deposit. If you are acquainted with persons here, no difficulty need be experienced on this point. If unacquainted in this city it will be well for you to procure a certificate from the

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I Rep Snowden Esq

D Sir

Please deliver the medals struck for
the use of the Penn State Agric Society to Messrs B. Baird
Hans Koenig & Son Found

Sept 1. 1856

Geo. D. Pouchet

Post Office, New York

Sept. 5.

6.

The Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society have agreed
to allow \$100 George Meigs to be used at the
the next exhibition commencing at the 1st inst. and they
may be in making you are
I have to acknowledge your favor of
the 1st inst. enclosing check for \$50.
your check on the 1st inst.
my check for the amount you request for the Pennsylvania
State Agricultural Society will be finished in
time for the 30th inst. exhibition on the 30th inst.
the accompanying will be done.

I am, very respectfully,

H. R. Linderman

for Director M. S. Meigs

George H. T. Bucher Esq.

Buchard Mills near Hagerstown

(M. D.)

Bushers Mills near Hogestown
Sep. 1. 1856

Col Snowden

Sir

The Pennsylvania State Agri. Society have offered
100 Silver & 50 Bronze Medals as premiums to be awarded at
the next Exhibition commencing 30. inst. at Pittsburg - that they
may be in readiness for distribution we will be obliged to you
in having them struck from the Order of the Society which is in
your charge at the Mint - to meet the expense I enclose
my check ^{on the Harrisburg Bank} for Five hundred & fifty three dollars which I
hope may reach you safely & prove satisfactory - I will
instruct Messrs C & Dard to call upon you for them as
the engraving will be done by them.

With much esteem

Yours friend

Geo. S. Bush

Bank of Orleans
Albion Sept 1, 1856

Tras Mr. Mint

I take the liberty of sending
you my Aft or Minute Bank
New York for \$500

If you receive it I would like
for it \$400 in quarter Dollars
and 100 in Dimes, to be
sent to me by Express. I should

"Bank of Orleans
Albion Orleans Co
N. Y."

Yours respectfully

W. A. King
Pres.

U.S. MINT GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE 1856/OCTOBER

Statement of Business at the United States Assay Office at
New York, for the Month ending October 31st 1856.

	Dollars.	Cts.	Dollars.	Cts.
DEPOSITS OF GOLD:				
Foreign Coins,	3	000 00		
Foreign Bullion,	7	000 00		
United States Coins, (Old Standard,)				
United States Bullion, <i>no Cal Br Mint Bars</i>	2265503	21	2275503	21
DEPOSITS OF SILVER:				
Foreign Coins,	15025	93		
Foreign Bullion,	5600	00		
United States Bullion, (contained in Gold,)	17336	66		
<i>" from Lake Superior</i>	105400		39046	59
TOTAL DEPOSITS: Payable in Bars,	2272418	07		
" " " Coins,	42131	73		
			\$2314549	80

GOLD BARS STAMPED: *3265 @ .3776.* \$217784564

United States Assay Office,
New York, Oct 31st 1856

October 31st, 6.

Dear Sir,

Enclosed you will please
find the receipt of Adams & Co. Express Co.
for \$500. in Silver Coins and bills in credit in
return for the draft enclosed in your letter of
20th inst. as therein requested.

I am Yours &c.

S. R. Snowden

Amict.

David Ullmann Esq.

Cashier to:

Bk. of Nassau -

October 26th, 6.

Gentlemen.

The bid made in your letter of the 23rd inst.
for the Mint scrap has been accepted, and ^{all} you therefore to
pleased to take early measures to close the transaction and remove
the several barrels of this scrap from the Mint.

I am, respectfully,

Sincerely,

James Ropesnowden,
Director.

Messrs. R. Longman & Sons
Brooklyn, N.Y.

October 26th. 6.

Sir,

The usual monthly audit and examination made at the close of this days business, showed the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer viz:

In Gold Coin \$1,077,969.75
" Silver Coin 1,264,243.95
" Arden Fund \$404.97
" Repair Fund 233.22 - \$2,330,988.92,

which amount corresponds with the balance stated upon the books of the
my office.

The balance in the hands of the Asst. Treas. U.S. at the same time was \$565,238.91¹⁰⁰ in gold and silver coin, agreeing with that Officers books of the.

A general examination of the condition of the Mint gives satisfactory evidence that the business of the institution is conducted with fidelity and care, and a proper attention alike to the interests of the government and the public.

I have the honor to be,

with great respect,

Your faithful servant:

Samuel Ross Snowden.
Sincerely,

Hon. James Guthrie,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Exchange
CONSTANTLY FOR SALE.
INTEREST PAID ON
TIME DEPOSITS,
BILLS DISCOUNTED.
Coin bought and sold. Prompt
attention given to
COLLECTIONS.

LUTHER, CRAIG & CO.,

BANKERS.

Ashland, Ohio,

Oct 29th 1856.

Dear U.S. Mint

Dear Sir

Kind rem with

Our Agent North Street & W. Conch
Fordwich please send us by express via Mans-
field Ohio silver as follows

400 - halves

400 - quarters

100 - dimes

100 - 1/2 dimes

\$1,000 -

Yr Obedt Servt
Luther Craig
Per Order

Philadel. Oct 29, 1856

U. S. Branch offst. San Francisco Cal
 Post of other Miller

To Caspary's Survey

(as shown) Bon Grants Sept 14 00

" 1 Daniel Miller's pay
 for anthracite & gas 5

15 00

" 50 Bridges, etc

6 25

" 15 Bluff, etc

4 06

" 5 Bluff, etc

18 00

" 5 Bluff, etc

5 75

" 6 Bluff " etc

5 75

" 5 Bluff, etc

2 25

" 1 Box of Bluff

62 50

" 1 Bluff

1 00

\$ 74 49

Received Payment
 for other Miller
 Geo. Smith

Received, Philad: Oct 29th 1866 from Hon J.
Ruf Snowden Director of the Mint W. D.
Five Silver Medals, and Twenty Three
R. Struck " do, belonging to the
"Pennsylvania State Agricultural Society"

C. Barry & Son
for Edward Plinio

"Copy"

The Medal "Juno" of the "Mint of the United States"

D.

V. J. B. D. Smith, Master and Refiner of the Mint
for
Gold & Silver Bullion, furnished from my Dept
as follows

1836

Oct 29 $\$27.66$ Gold 993 fine for the Medal Juno = $\$27.66$ = $\$199.83$

Nov 13 $\$2.40$ Silver 996 fine for the Medal Juno = $\$2.40$ = $\$9.29$

" 22 " 12.33 " 996 " " " " " = $\$46.14$ " = $\$1.68$

" 24 " 71.72 " 998 " " " " " = $\$79.53$ " = $\$99.41$

$\$157.80$

Rec'd from the Hon. J. Ross Snowden Director of the
Mint U. S., One Sixty One Quincent Stans Gold, and
One Hundred and Fifty Seven 800 Quincent of
Standard Silver, in exchange for the above Bullion

(Sd.) J. B. D. Smith
M. & R.

THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO., 116 Chestnut St., Philadelphia.

THE ADAMS EXPRESS CO.'S
GREAT
Eastern, Western & Southern Express.

Philadelphia, October 30th 1856
Received of *Wm. J. Pop. Snowden, Sheriff*
N. A. Hunt and said to contain
1 Package containing 10 Gold & 25 Silver
Medals

MARKED *Nathan A. Bacon Treasurer*
Wm. H. Brown Connection

To be forwarded as addressed: THE EXPRESS COMPANY not to be held responsible for any loss or damage arising from
fire, railroad accidents, ocean or river navigation, etc., UNLESS SPECIALLY INSURED BY THEM, AND SO SPECIFIED IN THIS RECEIPT.

Freight, _____
Insurance, _____
Value \$303.50 FOR THE PROPRIETORS, *J. M. A. Dull*

Craig, Printer, 116 Chestnut St., over the Express Office.

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
October 30. 1856.

Daniel Sturgeon Esq.
Treasurer of the U. S. Mint.
Philadelphia. Penn.
Sir.

Your account of Copper
Coinage for the Month of August 1856, has been
adjusted at the Treasury, and a balance found
due from you to the United States of \$514.64

Most Sincerely
Yours
Elisha Whittelsey.
Comptroller.

Treasury Department
Register Office October 28. 1856

Sir,

In the estimates for the assay Office in New York
received from you a few days since it appears that in addition
to the sum of \$2000 asked for as a deficiency the amount
is \$1500 more than is authorized by law.

Please to furnish the items composing the sum of
\$26,700 and also the laws under which the Officers
are employed.

I am respectfully,
Your Obedt Servt
Wm Briggs
Register

James R. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint.

See how this is & if necessary
write for information to
New York

Treasury Office of the United States, New-York,

Treasurer's Department,

October 28, 1856.

Sir

Herewith you have my statement, and receipt of the Adams Express Co. for ten boxes containing 19,551.23 Ozs gross of Silver bullion, in ninety six bars, amounting in net value at \$1.20 1/2 per Stan. Oz. to \$24,559.83 the receipt of which I will thank you to acknowledge, and remit in payment for the same

\$3,000. in half dimes,

5,000. " Dimes,

5,000. " half dollars,

13,559.83 " Quarter "

24,559.83

13

Very Resp^{ly}
Yours St. Serv

Daniel Sturgeon Esq
Treas^r U.S. Mint
Philadelphia

Wm. J. C. B. C.
Treasurer

JOHN J. CISCO, Treasurer.

No. 75 Received of the Treasurer of the United States
Assay Office, New York.
Box containing Gold Bullion,
Ten " " 19,551.23 Oz. Wt. Silver "
Parcel " "
Amounting in Note value to \$24,559.83
Twenty Six Thousand, five hundred
fifty nine ⁸³/₁₀₀ Dollars.
which we agree to insure against loss, and deliver to the Treasurer
of the United States Mint at Philadelphia at
Cents per One Thousand Dollars.
New York, Oct. 28 1856.
For Adams Express C. J. [Signature]

No. 75.

Ninety Six Fine Silver Bars transmitted
to the U.S. Mint for Coinage, in pursuance of the Act
of March 1855, by John J. Eides, Treasurer of the
U. S. Assay Office New York.

1856.

Oct. 28. Ten Boxes #1 @ 10, containing

Nos. 97 & 100		Gross
102 & 104	84 ps. weight.	ounces dec.
No. 101.	12 "	2.439.52 @ 998 1/2 f.
		19,551.23
		Stand. Weight 21,681.49

Gross Value \$25,229.37

21,681.49 Stand. gp @ \$1.22 1/2 pr. oz. = \$26,559.83
payable in Silver coins.

Sacramento Oct: 27. 1856.

Dear Mr. Sturges Esq.

Dear Sir

U. S. Min. Co.

for -

Above we have

bill of the Keys planches, forwarded by
them - via New York -

Yours Very Respectfully

Charles B. Fox.

I have transmitted to the Register of the Treasury
the estimate of appropriations required for the support
of the Mint and its branches under the act of 1836,
for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1850. The Mint
I send, for your examination a copy of that estimate
and also, the grounds upon which they are
founded, so far as I am able to present them
at this time. The estimate from the branch at
San Francisco, although called for at an early
date, have not been received. It will be so
that, I have named the same amount as was appropria-
ted for the present year. In all probability the
estimate from San Francisco will be received
by the next return & if so, I will communicate
them to you, and, if necessary, suggest the
modifications of the appropriations asked for
as may be required. I have to present
this subject in this unsatisfactory manner at
this time, because no further delay in trans-
mitting these estimates was admissible.
May also remark that the estimate from the
Smyth office only reached me yesterday.

October 27th. 6.

Sir,

I have transmitted to the Register of the Treasury, the estimate of appropriations required for the support of the Mint and its branches, under the 1st of April for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1855. I enclose for your examination a copy of this estimate and also, the grounds upon which they were founded, so far as I was able to furnish them at this time. The estimate from the branch at San Francisco, although collected for at an early date, ^{I have} have not been received. It will be seen that, should the same amount be now appropriated for the present year, it will probably be the estimate from San Francisco will be received by the next session; if it is, I will communicate them to you, and, if necessary, suggest the modifications of the appropriations which for as may be required. I have to present this subject in this unsatisfactory manner at this time, because no further delay in transmitting these estimates was admissible. I may also remark that the estimate from the assay office only, reached me yesterday.

to the estimated expenses of the mint, and the
branches at Charlotte and Galena, will
doubtless correspond with the appropriations made
for the present fiscal year, no statements are
required, in which to show, as it was formerly the
case, for appropriations made previous to the
periodical report. It is probable however that
the estimates, and detailed statements, which
I expect to receive from the branches at
San Francisco may render it necessary to
provide for a deficiency at that establishment.

The estimated deductions for printing at the
principal mint are ascertained to be too
highly stated. Instead of \$16,000, the amount
expected to be realized to the ordinary fund
from that source - it appears that it will
amount to about \$5,000 less than a small
increase is asked for for the next fiscal
year or compared with the present year.

I have the honor to be

With great respect

Your faithful servant,

James Guthrie
Secy of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

James Ross
Washington D.C.

17
Savannah Oct. 24 '56.

David Stinson Esq.

Treas. U. S. Mint.

Sir -

We have
received your favor of the
22nd inst. - with draft on
New York, for \$2003⁴⁰ for our
bill of planchets. for \$2006⁷⁰

We shall ship by a vessel
tomorrow abt. 30 keps planchets;
& send via New York by steam
10 keps - to be followed by
more very soon -

Yours. Very Respectfully

Charles D. Bar. Jr.

⁷⁵
London Oct. 25. 1836

Genl. Sturgeon Esq.

(Treas. U. S. Mint.)

Sir -

See enclosed
bill of 20 keys planches,
for Sch. C. M. Vickery, which
we hope will be promptly
delivered -

Yours
Very Respectfully

Charles D. Dyer

Philadelphia. Oct 25th 1856

United States Branch Mint. San Francisco Cal
To George Megeed.

No 52 Cylinder & 52 Extra Cps. 1840-45 \$693-
Packing Boxes 6-
\$759

Received. Payment
George Megeed.

Duplicate

U. S. Mint } Order No 25
Treasury Dept }

1855

To J. J. Linhardt Jr

Oct 23 1/100 Secum No 11 - 36 1/100 Secum No 14 - 19 .55

New Brunswick, New Jersey,
24th Oct. 1856.

Col. James Ross Snowden,
Director of the U.S.M. Philad.
Dear Sir,

I hereby accede
to your proposal as indicated in your
favor of the 22nd ulto. and accordingly
I agree to pay \$1 p. oz. for the fine green
"Prussian" you may have, and furthermore
"pledge myself", that it shall be immediately
exported to Europe, and receive
such a destination, which will render
it morally certain, that no improper
use can be made of it.

Nearly a year since, I purchased of
Dr. Hargreave 156 oz. of the enclosed
Letter will indicate the use I made of it. To
since the receipt of this Letter, the writer
has sold it, as a Basis of a Pigment
for the Pottery, and what I now
purchase, will receive the same destination.
Excuse the liberty I now take in

I Persia

London 25 Jan 1856

Dr. Jos. W. Farnham

New York

Dear Sir
In answer to you on the 18th inst.
advising the receipt of the Box of Iridium
we regret however to state that up to the
present moment we have been unable to
obtain an offer for it even at any price -
Messrs Johnson Matthey have seen it & carefully
examined it & decline making any offer for
it - They inform us they have nearly half
a Ton weight of it which they would be
very glad to dispose of at a very low price
They inform us it is by no means adapted for
the Porcelain Manufacturers. Under these
circumstances we shall hold it for an opportunity
of disposal at some future time.

We are Sir

Yr Obedt
Sharp & Kriskins

starting seasons for my impressions enter-
taining a different impression from
your own (which I am confident you
will be happy to hear, as to the fraudu-
lent me sometimes made of Iridium.

Some Iridium containing twenty four
grains of Platinum & considerable quantity
of Gold is found abundantly in Oregon
and is largely imported into New York
& California.

A few weeks since, I bought of Mr. J. J. J.
to whom it was consigned, between 30
to 40 ozs. at \$1 per oz.

About the same time, 300 ozs. were
offered me @ \$1.50 which I declined,
Mr. Chilton bought the same @ \$1.25
So it not possible, that, the Gold, when
separated, ^{imperfectly} may retain considerable
Iridium.

Please return the enclosed letter, &
either send your Iridium, by Express,
to the N.Y. Assay Office, with instruction
to deliver the same to me, on paying

at the rate of \$1 per oz. or, if you prefer,
send me the precise weight & I will
transmit the money I owe for the Dividend.
I shall be happy to hear from you
as soon as convenient, as I wish to
ship it next steamer.

I remain, Respectfully
Yours, Wm. H. Garrison

Oct. 25/56

Recd

Wm. H. Garrison

220 Broadway

25

Elizabeth Pa
Oct 22nd 1856

James Ross Snowden Esq
Director of U.S. Mint

Please let
Messrs Conrad Bankton
have thirty three silver
medals under oblige

Yours &c
Noble Warner

Secy
Penn State Agt Socy

Watubury Conn Oct 22^d 1856

Mr James Ross Snowden

Director of Mint of U.S.

Dear Sir

You will please excuse us if
we remind you that we are still very suc-
-cessfully making hardened Casted Rolls of
any form or size, and if you require any
steel rolls of other sizes than those we now
have on hand, which were made ~~made~~ to
fit your housings, we should be much pleased
to fill your orders

Yours Very truly

Blake & Johnson

Wm J. Blake

P.S. We have steel on hand
from 1 inch to 9 inches diameter

Oct 24 6.

6 in.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th inst. in relation to the appropriation made for the support of the Court for the current fiscal year, to meet the expenses of the business transacted, as follows:

For salaries of officers and court.	\$6,950.00
" for wages of clerks & other help.	16,000.00
" incidental and contingent expenses.	1,750.00
" transportation of judges & other.	1,100.00
Total	\$44,250.00

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your faithful servant,

Wm. R. R. R.
Secretary of the Court.
Washington City.

James R. R. R.
Director of the Court.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 22, 1856.

SIR:—Your attention is respectfully called to the annexed certificates, showing the superior qualities of the Kerosene Oils lately introduced by us, both for lubricating and illuminating purposes. In view of the fact that Spermin Oil is becoming daily more scarce, and higher in price, it is a matter of great importance to produce an oil possessing all the superior qualities of Spermin, at a moderate price. The undersigned think that the subjoined certificates warrant them in claiming for Kerosene Lubricating Oil the same fluidity, body and durability as possessed by best Spermin.

Kerosene Lubricating Oil burns with greater brilliancy than Spermin, Whale, or Lard Oil, in all the binnacle, solar and ordinary Oil Lamps. It does not gum or crust the wick, and will burn two nights without trimming.

By the certificates of E. N. Kent, Esq., it will be observed that parties using Kerosene Lubricator, will not be obliged to abandon it during the winter, as it stands as great a degree of cold as best Spermin, and remains fluid when Lard, Rapeseed and other oils have congealed.

PRATT & FREEMAN,

Sole Agents N. A. Kerosene Oil Company,

No. 22½ Walnut Street and 11 Granite Street, Philada.

CERTIFICATES.

LABORATORY, 116 JOHN ST., NEW YORK, April 18, 1856.

N. A. Kerosene Oil Company.

GENTS:—I have tested the sample of Kerosene Lubricating Oil sent me, in comparison with pure Spermin, and obtained the following results in two experiments:—

	Revolutions.	Specific Gravity.
1 Spermin Oil,	4.6	880
2 do.	4.7	
1 Kerosene Lubricator,	4.7	890
2 do.	4.7	

Yours, respectfully,

E. N. KENT, Chemist.

LABORATORY, No. 116 JOHN STREET, NEAR PEARL, NEW YORK, July 26, 1856.

N. A. Kerosene Oil Company.

GENTS:—The Kerosene Lubricating Oil commences to congeal at the same temperature as pure Spermin Oil, viz: 40° F. At this point Lard Oil became solid. At the above low temperature the Kerosene Lubricating Oil burned finely in a mechanical lamp, but Rapeseed Oil becomes nearly solid at the same point.

Yours, very respectfully,

EDWARD N. KENT, Chemist.

VERMONT VALLEY RAILROAD, SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE, }
BELLOWS FALLS, VT., July 21, 1855. }

To P. T. RUGGLES, Esq., PRESIDENT OF KEROSENE OIL CO.

DEAR SIR:—I have given your "Kerosene Lubricating Oil" a thorough trial on a locomotive under my charge on this road, and as far as tried, I find the same in all respects, equal to the best Spermin Oil. In testing this oil, I have used it on the slides of the locomotive, and on the journals of the axles, with the best Spermin Oil, on the opposite side or end at the same time, and cannot perceive any difference whatever in the working of the two oils; your oil being fully equal to it, in fluidity, body and durability, and leaving no deposit or gum.

During my connection with Railroads, I have tried a great number of patent Lubricating Oils, but have never before found one that would compare with your Oil. I consider it a great point gained, that you can furnish a Lubricator equal to Spermin Oil, as that is becoming more scarce and expensive every day.

Yours, very respectfully,

MADISON SLOAT, Superintendent.

WINDSOR, CONN, May 28, 1856.

N. A. Kerosene Oil Company.

GENTS:—I have given the Lubricating Oil that you gave me when last in New York, a fair trial, both on our steam-engine and our machinery, and it goes far ahead of my most sanguine expectations. We used it first on one of our carding machines, and found it worked as well, if not better, than the best of Sperm Oil for which we paid \$2 10 at 4 months. Ours is a steam mill and we think it an object to use the best of oil; if you can give us an oil like the sample you gave us for trial, that shall be uniform and equally as good, right straight along, year in and year out, then I will say, for one, farewell to Sperm Oil for lubricating purposes. I have tried, I dare say, for the last ten years, more than fifty different kinds lubricating oils, and none of them were good for anything for nice machinery, and I had about made up my mind that there was no use in trying any more; but it appears that you have found an oil that is as far ahead of these quack oils, as the steam-engine is ahead of the old-fashioned stage-coaches for travelling purposes.

Yours, with respect,

WM. A. LOVELL, Agent Sequassen Woolen Co., Windsor Conn.

NEW YORK, July, 1856.

N. A. Kerosene Oil Company.

GENTS:—I received the sample of "Kerosene Lubricating Oil," but thinking it like many of the worthless oils I have before tried, I neglected testing it until now. Hearing of its superior qualities, I was induced to try it. I was surprised at its really magical effect on the wearing surface and journals of the engine. I must say, that, judging from the sample you sent me, it is the best oil I have ever used; and owing to the low price you sell it, and its superior qualities over sperm oil, it must come into general use.

Yours, respectfully,

GEORGE L. SMITH, Engineer of the steamer "Francis Skiddy."

NEW YORK, May 21, 1856.

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE KEROSENE OIL CO.

DEAR SIR:—I have used your Lubricating oil on board the steamboat "Wm. Gage," of which I am engineer, for a period of now over four weeks, and take pleasure in saying, having used the same on all parts of our machinery, (the blower engines included,) that it is superior to any oil I have used for many years past, and among the oils I have used was a fair quality of sperm, costing from 14 to 16 shillings per gallon.

I find that your oil keeps the journals perfectly cool and all the machinery clean. I have furthermore noticed that your oil possesses a property that I have never observed in any other description of oil that I have used, and that is of working the old gum out of the journals. We have also used your oil for all our cabin, engine, and deck lamps, and do not hesitate to say, that it gives as good if not better light than the sperm oil we had previously used for this purpose. In conclusion, I beg to state, that in future we shall use your article exclusively for all our purposes, preferring it, on many accounts, to sperm oil. Should any engineer interested in the subject require additional information, I shall be happy to give it by his calling to see me.

J. P. HUNT, Engineer of steamer "Wm. Gage," foot of Amos street, N. R.

NEW YORK, May 6, 1856.

TO THE SECRETARY OF THE KEROSENE OIL CO.

DEAR SIR:—I have fully tested your Lubricating oil, and am prepared to say that it is equal to any oil I have ever used for lubricating purposes. I have been in the habit of using olive oil for a long time, finding it the best and most economical; but I find that your oil will run as long without renewal as the olive oil, and up to the present time I see no sign of gumming or sticking. The journals all were cool, and it is in every respect satisfactory, and I do not hesitate to say, that, in my opinion, it is superior to any sperm oil I have ever used.

Yours, respectfully,

C. N. H. SMITH, Manufacturer, 48 and 50 Duane street,

NEW ORLEANS, June 27, 1856.

N. A. Kerosene Oil Company.

GENTS:—You are aware I took with me some of the "Lubricating Oil," made by the Kerosene Oil Company, and on my passage to this port, I have given it a thorough trial. The Burning Fluid I had for the binnacle lamp proved bad, and I put a common lamp tube in it, and used this Oil in it. I am pleased to say it answered a better purpose than any oil I ever used, never needing to be trimmed for two nights. I consider it, for common use, in fore-castle, galley and binnacle, the best, least troublesome, and most economical oil in use. Should the Company desire it, they are at perfect liberty to use this letter, and I shall be happy, at all times, to recommend it to ship-masters.

Respectfully yours,

J. ADAMS COBB, Master Bark William and Jane.

Office of the NEPTUNE IRON WORKS, FOOT OF 5TH STREET, E. R.,
NEW YORK, July 31, 1856.

PHILO T. RUGGLES, PRESIDENT OF N. A. KEROSENE OIL CO.

DEAR SIR:—We have for the past two months been using your Lubricating Oil, manufactured at your works, with entire satisfaction. We have used it on heavy as well as on light work, and in every instance with the greatest success. It has all the good qualities of pure Sperm Oil, at about half the cost. It will not gum, and the best recommendation we can give it is, that we are using no other oil, and shall not, so long as you continue to manufacture an oil as good as this we now have in use. We know it to be cheaper and better than any other manufactured oil we have ever used.

Yours, Respectfully,

BOARDMAN, HOLDBROOK & CO.

JERSEY CITY, Sept. 22, 1856.

N. A. Kerosene Oil Company.

GENTS:—We have used your Kerosene Lubricating Oil, for lubricating purposes, and hereby say that we find it superior to any oils used by us for that purpose, and from the result of a thorough trial, we find one gallon equal to one and one-half gallons of best Sperm Oil. We can safely recommend it as the best article in use.

Yours, respectfully,

HORACE TRUMBULL, Supt. Passaic Mining & Manufacturing Co.

N. A. Kerosene Oil Company.

I have used the Oil upon the engine I am running, and also upon the mills and shafting, and find the Kerosene Oil to run as smooth as the best Sperm Oil, and does not gum or form any scale whatever, and it requires less oil than of any other kind that I have used for the same work. Upon shafting that is liable to heat, from its near contact to fire, I find it to work better than the best Sperm.

Very respectfully,

LUTHER TUTTLE, Engineer for Lescob's Mills,
61, 64 and 66 Barclay Street, N. Y.

NEW YORK, August 19, 1856.

N. A. Kerosene Oil Company.

GENTS:—I have had from Mr. Brundred a five-gallon can of your Lubricating Oil, and my foreman speaks favorably of it, and would like to give it a further trial.

Please send to No. 75 Courtlandt street, Paterson Railroad Office, for me, a cask of thirty gallons, and please inform me if it is in any way explosive or dangerous, as I use it in a cotton mill, and shall also try it in solar lamps in my mill.

Very respectfully,

J. J. ZABRISKIE.

PATERN, Sept. 23, 1856.

N. A. Kerosene Oil Company.

GENTS:—I have given your Kerosene Lubricating Oil a thorough trial, both on my steam-engine and other machinery, and it lasts nearly as long again as any Sperm Oil I have ever used.

I find it to be entirely free from any gum, and I can safely recommend it as a very superior machinery oil.

Yours, &c.,

JOSEPH D. FORBES.

PATERSON, Sept. 13 1856.

N. A. Kerosene Oil Company.

GENTS:—Yours of 10th is duly before me, and contents noticed. In reply, I would say, in the first place, our spindles run about 8,000 revolutions per minute; this speed will try any oil most effectually. I cannot say what the difference is in body between the Kerosene Oil and the Sperm. I have no means of testing it; we used it just in the same manner, the one as the other. We did not find it to gum on our spindles. The smell of the Oil is objectionable, but the price of Sperm Oil is much more so, and, from the opinion I have formed, I think that I shall continue to use it, unless it be for better reasons than I am now in possession of.

Yours,

H. H. LOW.

Treasury Department
Comptroller's Office
October 20th 1856.

Daniel Sturgeon Esq.
Treasurer U. S. Mint. Philadelphia, Penn^a.

Sir.

Your account of Ordinary
Expenses for the Month of August 1856, has been adjusted
at the Treasury, and a balance found due from
you to the United States of \$22,579.66.

Most Sincerely

Yours

Elisha Whittelsey.

Comptroller.

Boston Oct 20th 1856.

James Ross Snowden Esq
D. City

We this day
forward by Adams Ex. Express a
Box containing eighty three Boston
Medals which will require to be
re-struck, if that will remedy
the defect, otherwise new ones
must be made. — Mr. Hamore I
suppose left three, which he
took on as a sample, making
86 in all that are injured.

Our engraver thinks he
can arrange the lettering on the
Silver Medals, so as to cover the
scratches; & thus render it un-
necessary to return them.

We shall require to com-
plete our awards, Forty one
Silver

and ^{six} ~~sixty~~ Bronze Medals addition
al to our previous order, which
be pleased to have struck & forward
soon as practicable, & thus much
oblige

Yours Very Respectfully
Osmyr Brewster

HENRY J. ULLMANN,
President.
DANIEL ULLMANN,
Cashier.

The Bank of Racine,
WISCONSIN.

Racine, Oct 20th 1856

United States Mint
Philadelphia Pa

Enclosed please find our sight draft on
New York to your order for (Five hundred fifty dollars) \$550.
for which please send us by express, change as follows & oblige

(25) twenty five cent pieces \$400
(10) ten cent pieces 100

Pennies 50
\$550.

Yours truly
Daniel Ullmann

Treasury Department
Register's Office October 21. 1856

Sir

I have to request that you will transmit to this Office with as little delay as possible, your estimates for the Mint and branches for the fiscal year ending June 30. 1858. The preparation of the estimates is delayed by not receiving the data in due time.

I am respectfully
Yours Obedient Servant
H. Dripps
Register

James C. Shurden Esq
Director of the Mint Philad^a

Oct. 22.

6.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter to Mr. DuBois I have to state, that some time since, for obvious reasons, I directed that the incriminans in the hands of the Treasurer should not be used except in small quantities for scientific purposes & that that was known and not make any improper use of it. I have reason to believe that the metal in question has been occasionally, if not frequently, introduced into the California Press for fraudulent purposes. Hence my anxiety to stop, as far as possible, its circulation, & I am so desirous of it.

I understand your wish to purchase the article for exportation. If you will undertake to assure me that it will not, in any event be placed in hands where it can be industriously used. I will, under the circumstances, direct the Treasurer to dispose of the fine grains to you at the price named.

Very Respectfully,

Yours obt. servant,

James R. Thompson
Director of the Mint.

J. H. Thompson
New. Treasurer to
Chas. Drake.

New Brunswick, N. J.
20th Oct. 1856.

My Dear Sir,

I have recently
purchased of the N. J.
Arsenal Office \$44.90
of ~~Trillium~~, from which
the grains suitable for
pen points were removed,
at \$1.02. on condition
that it was exported.

Please offer Dr. Sturgeon,
on my behalf, the same
price for what he may
have on hand, subject.

to the same condition,
and communicate the
results.

Believe me, Ever,

Truly Yours

John W. Farnum
(New Brunswick N.J.)

Wm. E. Davis Esq.

Assist. Surgeon U.S.A.
Philad.

Referred to the Director by
Dr Sturgeon - 86 95 ozs. on hand

Richd 20 6

Sir,

I am engaged in
preparing the Annual Volume
of the Register and would
be glad to see the Register
and the Register Office for the year
ending June 30, 1858 and
will thank you to send it
me, at your earliest convenience,
an estimate of the postage and
revenue for the year for the
year ending June 30.

I am very respectfully,
Yours, Wm. H. H. H.
Director of the Post

Wm. H. H. H.
at the Register Office
New York

October 18, 6.

Dear Sir,

The 20 medals sent to the Mint
by you on the 11th inst. have been re-struck,
and with the ten additional silver medals ordered
for your Society are now ready to be delivered to
any person you may direct. The following is
the cost of the same, viz:

Re-struck 20 silver Medals \$5.00

Ten silver Medals do 50.00

\$55.00

I am very respectfully & truly,
Yours, J. B. Knickerbocker.
Director of the Mint

Wm. L. Walker Esq.,
U. S. P. M. & A. G. T. Office,
Pittsburg,
Pa.